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Go back to the States: Langer

Six are set for England



A recent picture of England, from left, back row: Terry Butcher, Alvin Martin, Paul Mariner, Peter Shilton (capt.), Alan Devonshire. Front: Luther Blissett, Sammy Lee, Derek Statham, Phil Neal, Gary Mabbutt, Gordon Cowans.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Only six of the 35 players tried so far by coach Frank Arok appear certain to be in the Australian line-up against England in Sydney on June 12.

They are Terry Greedy in goal, Alan Davidson at left or right-back, Jim Cant in central midfield, Ken Murphy at left midfield and John Kosmina and Marshall Soper up front.

Arok has experienced a preference for hard running, hard tackling midfielders, so Cant and Murphy would appear to be naturals.

He also has said openly that on early form, Soper would be the No. 1 striker.

Kosmina has the score on the board in internationals, and he's also a tough guy who should be able to mix it with England's defenders.

Davidson has been among Australia's very best players for the past three years, so he too would be a natural, and of the three goalkeepers Arok has tried so far, Greedy has been in the best form.

That leaves a host of players vying for the other five positions.

Arok made eight changes for this week's training camp in Sydney.

He brought in: midfielders Zoran Ilioski (Makedonia), Gerardo Gomez (Sydney City)

and Peter Stone (St. George), defenders Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg), Steve Perry (Brisbane City) and Steve O'Connor (Sydney City), goalkeeper Kim Wishart (Brisbane City) and also recalled Phil O'Connor (Wollongong) and George Christopoulos (Canberra) who missed the first training camp.

He left out: Bobby Russell, Steve Blair (SM-Hellas), David Mitchell, Joe Watson (Sydney City), Tony Henderson (Marconi), Peter Raskopoulos (Olympic), Greg Woodhouse (APIA) and Sebastian Giampaolo (APIA) who is injured.

Watson's exclusion is surprising, unless Arok simply wants to give someone else the chance to prove he is better than Watson on the right flank.

Arok had said earlier that no-one in Australia is better than Watson for right-flank play and for crosses from there.

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The National Soccer League should hand its competition over to the State federations, according to a leading official of Ajax which is among the candidates for the NSL's new-look league next year.

Arnold Langer, treasurer of Ajax and a board member of the Victorian Soccer Federation, said each State should form a super league.

The winner of each should play in a round-robin competition for the national championship, he added.

"It makes no sense to take more clubs from the strongest cities — Melbourne and Sydney — and play in a separate competition, when we already have federations capable of running their own super leagues," Langer said.



Arnold Langer

He said the Victorian super league should be made up of the Melbourne-based NSL clubs, plus the strongest from the State League.

"Our VSF secretary, George Wallace, could run a super league with his little finger. We have the staff, the facilities, and the organisation. Why complicate matters and incur additional expenses?"

VSF chairman Michael Weinstein, meanwhile, believes the NSL cannot go ahead with its league restructuring next year because such changes require 12 months' notice.

But if the NSL does succeed with its plans for 1984 and maintains control of its competition, Ajax as well as George Cross, Juventus, and probably Croatia, Fawcett, Polonia and Morwell Falcons will apply to join.

The NSL proposes increasing the size of its league from 16 to 24 by including four more clubs from Victoria and four from NSW.

The league would be divided into two geographical regions but the clubs would play not only within their own region but also against clubs from the other region.

Juventus president Sam Marenti and George Cross president Alf Zahra said their clubs would apply to join, but both are confused about the details of the NSL's plans.

Croatia president Joe Sigur was too too confused to comment.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

SANE PAY THE ONLY CURE

It's extremely difficult to believe that the proposed surgery on the National League will improve the condition of the patient.

Our record with the various NSL projects is not too good and there is little reason to hope that after 20 years of haphazard tinkering with the problem things will suddenly change.

If the NSL in its present format is abandoned, the best would be to return to the various State Leagues. Carrying on with two zones, cross-over matches and then play-offs will merely postpone the inevitable.

But is the NSL really a hopeless case as it stands now?

And if it is — shouldn't the clubs take the blame?

Everybody knows that it's not the airfares that cripple the club finances — but the exorbitant payments to staff and players.

While it may cost about \$30,000 a year for a club to fly all over Australia for matches, it costs them five or six times that much in signing on fees, wages and bonuses.

So if we eliminate the airfare costs what will happen to the rest of the burdens which the clubs have taken on voluntarily?

It's not the \$30,000 travel cost that's hurting the clubs but the \$150,000 or so they spurge on their teams. And no subdivision of the NSL will change that.

I fear that — as so often in the past — the ASF will plunge into a new venture with insufficient planning.

The first time the National League idea was publicly mooted was in 1964 when the then ASF secretary, Ian MacAndrew compiled a sizeable report and recommendations.

The same year two Sydney officials rushed to Canberra and registered the League — as sole shareholders.

One of them — a prominent elected official — also conducted "secret" negotiations in Melbourne. Later he was rebuked and replaced for his sins.

Then, around 1974, the old idea was taken out of mothballs. Most of 1975 was spent on meetings and informal discussions about the project.

Ultimately the decision was rushed through — in a vast hurry before the State Federations had a chance to withdraw their sanction.

The ASF was supposed to merely give its blessing to an independently run NSL. Later it changed its mind and decided to superimpose its authority completely.

But neither the NSL — Philips League, as it soon became known — nor the ASF ever thought out the problems in minute details. The motto was: "Let's start now and we'll make changes later."

And those changes have been happening ever since...

We have never had a steady, permanent policy on —

● Promotion and relegation;
● Post-season play-offs;
● The NSL Cup.

Consequently, to this day, decisions have been made on an ad hoc basis.

You've been hearing quite a lot lately that one of the bughabers of the NSL has been the lack of crowd support for visiting teams.

In other words — an Olympic v Marconi match draws better (relying on the fans of both Sydney teams) than an Olympic v Brisbane Lions game.

Why this should surprise anyone is a mystery. Surely the planners of the NSL didn't believe that thousands of Brisbane supporters would be regularly flying all over the country every second week to see their team?

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Coppell, Foster and, Robson doubtless as Cup finals approach

The FA Cup
The British soccer season reaches its climax on Saturday with the cup-finals both North and South of the border, at Hampden and Wembley.

The Wembley clash, between Manchester United and Brighton & Hove Albion, is of course the big one and will be watched live on TV by millions of fans all over the world as well as the expected 100,000 capacity crowd in London's famous stadium.

In Glasgow the battle between Aberdeen and Rangers at Hampden will be restricted to an attendance of around 70,000 as the stadium is presently in the throes of reconstruction.

Manchester United and the FA Cup are no strangers. The club has won the coveted trophy four times as well as appearing in the final on several other occasions.

Brighton has never won a major trophy of any sort and this is its first appearance in the final.

On the way to this final, Manchester United disposed of West Ham United, Luton Town, Derby County, Everton and Arsenal in the semis — a most impressive record.

Brighton beat Newcastle, Manchester City, Liverpool, Norwich and Sheffield Wednesday in the semis to give them their first-ever final at Wembley.

Likely line-ups:
MANCHESTER UNITED: from Bailey, Dux-

bury, Albiston, Moran, McQueen, Robson (doubtful due to injury), Grimes, Stapleton, Whiteside, Wilkins, McGrath and Macari. Manager — Ron Atkinson.

BRIGHTON: from Moseley, Digweed, Stevens, Pearce, Gattling, Case, Howlett, Robinson, Smith, Smillie and O'Reagan and Ryan. Manager Jimmy Melia.

Steve Coppell is out of Manchester United's FA Cup final team. Coppell who had fragments of cartilage removed from a knee and will need about a month to get fit.

Steve Foster the Brighton skipper is another who will miss the FA Cup final. Foster's booking against Notts County took him to over 31 points and the automatic 2-match ban puts him out.

Top referee Alf Grey of Gorleston, Norfolk, in charge of the FA Cup final, At 47, he retires at the end of this season and will concentrate on his choir singing. Alf takes a bass part in the choir of St Andrews church.

Remis Moses, the Manchester United midfielder, is also likely to miss the cup-final at Wembley after being sent off in the last minute of the game with Arsenal.

Rangers have won the Scottish Cup 24 times, were European Cup-winners Cup champions in 1972 and were runners-up in that competition in 1961 and 1967.

Aberdeen is the current Scottish Cup holder and also won the trophy in 1947 and 1970. The Dons have also been beaten finalists on six

occasions, and last week won the European Cup Winners Cup 2-1 against Real Madrid. Leighton, Kennedy, McLeish, Weir and Strachan are Scottish internationals, with Strachan, who shone for Scotland in the World Cup in Spain, considered in world class.

Cooper and Black, both 19, are in Scotland's side for the World Youth Championships in Mexico, while Hewitt and Simpson are just over 20.

Stuart Kennedy is Aberdeen's longest-serving player, having been signed in 1953.

Aberdeen is likely line-up is from Leighton, Kennedy, Rougviue, Cooper, McLeish, Miller, Strachan, Simpson, McGhee, Bell, Black, Hewitt, McMaster and Weir.

Aberdeen manager is Alex Ferguson a former Rangers striker who scored a goal in each of Scotland's three games in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide against Australia in 1967.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION
GRAHAM MOSELEY: An experienced goalkeeper, who spent most of his career at Derby County reserve, he moved to Brighton for a bargain \$40,000 in November, 1977. This ex-England youth international produced his best ever form in 1982-83, having previously found consistency elusive.

CHRIS RAMSEY: This 21-year-old, rugged defender became a first team regular only last year. Previously a non-contract player with Bristol City, he has missed more than his fair share of games through suspension.

STEVE GATTING: Brighton's

most consistent player. \$500,000 bought him to Brighton from Arsenal in September, 1981. Formerly a midfielder, but now playing in the back four where his skills have been likened to the great Bobby Moore. The brother of England cricketer Mike Gatting.

TONY GREALISH: Although English born, he is the current captain of Elre. A \$200,000 buy from Luton Town in July, 1981, the aggressive midfielder began his career at Orient.

GRAHAM PEARCE: The probable replacement for suspended Steve Foster, he had not played a single league game prior to this season and has been used only occasionally as substitute. A small fee changed hands when the Londoner joined Brighton from non-league Barnet.

JIMMY CASE: The only Brighton player to have previously played in a cup final, he joined his present club from Liverpool in August, 1981 for \$700,000. A hard-shooting opportunist, this former England under 23 representative won League championship, League Cup, European Cup and UEFA Cup winners' medals with Liverpool, but only suffered disappointment in his one previous experience of an FA Cup final.

ANDY RITCHIE: An old-fashioned, robust centre forward, he made his name with Manchester United, scoring regularly during frequent appearances for the "Red Devils". A fee of \$1 million bought the former England schoolboy international to the Goldstone Ground in October, 1980.

MICHAEL ROBINSON: Eligible for Elre by virtue of his Irish great-grandfather, he is a former born striker has been spearheading the Republic's attack for two seasons. A fast, no-nonsense front runner, he was brought from obscurity by Malcolm Albiston, then manager of Manchester City, which paid Preston North End \$1,330,000 for his services in July, 1978. Exactly a year later he moved to Brighton for \$80,000.

GERRY RYAN: Another Elre international but, unlike Grealish and Robinson, actually born on the Emerald Isle. A constructive schemer, he commenced his career with Bohemians (Dublin) before moving to Derby County. The subject of a \$100,000 transfer to Brighton in September, 1978.

NEIL SMILLIE: Moved to Brighton last year in an exchange deal, which took Gary Williams to Crystal Palace. The possessor of scintillating pace and a hard shot, the South Yorkshireman had been at Palace since leaving school. He has tasted North American football with Memphis Rogues.

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MANCHESTER UNITED
GARY BAILEY: The son of Roy Bailey, member of Ipswich Town's league championship side of 1961-62, he seems certain to inherit the America-bound Joe Corrigan's status as England's No. 3 goalkeeper. Already in his 21st international, this six-footer joined United in January, 1978 from South African club Witwatersrand, which was coached by his father.

MIKE DUXBURY: Also an England under 21 representative, he has worked consistently and tidily in either defence or midfield since making a first-team debut in 1980, but now appears settled at right back. The former club apprentice has enjoyed a magnificent season, despite carrying on warring knee injury for much of it.

ARTHUR ALBISTON: Forming one of the most effective full back partnerships in English football with Duxbury, he is something of an unsung hero, getting through much work with the minimum of fuss. Last year, the Edinburgh-born player added a full Scottish cap to his schoolboy and under 21 international mentions. A one-club man; having signed for Derby County in July, 1974.

BRYAN ROBSON: A British record \$1 million buy from West Bromwich Albion in October,

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1981, he has subsequently become a player of genuine world class, combining non-stop aggression with subtle skill. Won a gold watch after scoring just 27 seconds into the game v France in the Mundial; the fastest ever goal in the tournament's history. However, he may not play in the FA Cup final due to injury.

KEVIN MORAN: Signed by United in February, 1978 from Pegasus — a Gaelic Football club! For he made his name in that code, being one of Britain's bravest defenders, the sight of Elre international leaving the paddock, either on a stretcher or with blood streaming from his wound, has become commonplace in recent years.

GORDON McQUEEN: A tall, gangling centre half, the Scot joined United in a \$300,000 transfer in February, 1978 from Leeds United, which had paid \$1 million for him five and a half years earlier. A formidable opponent inside either penalty areas, having scored some fine goals after moving up for set pieces. Unfortunately injuries have kept him out of the game for long periods.

RAY WILKINS: Despite many critics regarding him as too slow for international football, the London-born midfielder has made over 50 appearances for England since being out of the United team for a long spell through injury, he was unable to shift Remi Moses from the side, but Moses' suspension should guarantee this superb passer of the ball a game.

ARNOLD MUEHRE: Over-shadowed by brother Gerry, a member of Ajax's great European Cup winning side, for many years, the cultured midfielder has become an out-

standing player in his own right, having won eight Dutch caps. He won UEFA Cup winners and runners up medals with previous clubs Ipswich Town and Twente Enschede, before moving from the former on a free transfer upon the termination of his contract.

FRANK STAPLETON: Yet another Elre international, he appeared in three successive FA Cup finals with Arsenal, before moving North following a \$1,300,000 transfer in August, 1981. Nine years earlier, United had turned the club as a 15 year old schoolboy!

One of the best all-round centre forwards in Europe, being strong in all departments.

NORMAN WHITESIDE: The youngest player ever to appear in the World Cup final, he has gone on to boost his reputation further with spectacular goals in the Football League Cup final and FA Cup semi final. Nothing is certain in football, but it will be a major surprise if this sturdy Belfast boy does not go onto become one of Ireland's all time greats.

RON ATKINSON (manager): Now has a chance to win a major honor at last, his managerial career to date having produced much, but delivered little. Like opposite number, Melia, is Liverpool-born. He served Aston Villa (without playing a league game) and Oxford United as a wing half. Upon hanging up boots, he became manager at Southern League Kettering Town and then moved to Cambridge United, taking it to a Division Four title in 1971. Appointed to West Bromwich Albion, he has since formed a combination, but one which failed to sustain a challenge for the big prizes. At Old Trafford, he has successfully harnessed the abilities of a talented playing staff.

JOHN McMASTER: Is another enigmatic performer, who has spent much time on the subs bench. When in the mood, his left foot can be a match-winner. He possesses a venomous shot and enviable enthusiasm.

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Aberdeen achieved its greatest feat by beating Real Madrid 2-1 in the European Cup Winners' Cup final last week and now faces Rangers in the Scottish Cup final.

The Aberdeen squad list:
JIM LEIGHTON: An unorthodox "keeper", with an unorthodox build, Leighton succeeded Alan Rough in Scotland's goal, but has yet to establish himself at international level. He has been consistent for Aberdeen though, and once the rough edges are smoothed out, should offer Scotland many years of services. A penalty-saving expert.

STUART KENNEDY: At 31, Kennedy is the veteran of the side. Safe in defence, he has great speed and overlaps very effectively. A bargain \$30,000 buy from Falkirk in 1972, Kennedy played against Peru and Holland in the 1978 World Cup.

WILLIE MILLER: The team captain and a great club servant, although, ironically, born only a short distance from Glasgow Celtic's stadium. Miller is a technically perfect sweeper — reads the game well, tackles crisply and rarely comes off second best in the air. One of Scotland's better performers during the last Mundial, he has a tremendous will to win.

ALEX McLEISH: Capable of playing as midfielder or defender, McLeish made his full international debut in 1980, after many eye-opening displays for under-21 selection. He missed just one game of Aberdeen's 1978-80 Scottish Championship winning programme.

DOUG ROUGHVIE: A well built (6'3" and 14 stone) defender, Roughvie has played regularly at left back, despite looking a natural centre back. Coach Alex Ferguson turned down Middlethorpe's \$500,000 transfer offer earlier this season. A great favorite at Pittodrie.

NEALE COOPER: A blond six-footer, Cooper seems set for a great future. He belies his youth and inexperience with ice cool composure in the heart of defence. Born in India, but raised in Aberdeen, he made his senior debut at Liverpool in the Champions Cup encounter. British newspapers have, optimistically perhaps, likened him to a young Beckenbauer.

NEIL SIMPSON: A strong-running, tough-tackling full back or midfielder. Always involved in the game, Simpson is another

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TV deal on way for big indoor tournament

Hakoah leaders out; 'backward' soccer 'not worth big cash'

By PETER SCOTT

The committee managing the affairs of National Soccer League champion Sydney City Hakoah was summarily fired last week.

At a meeting between members of the committee and the Board of Directors of the Hakoah Club Limited, president Frank Lowy made the announcement that former Hakoah president Sam Fiazman had been appointed to take over complete control of the club's soccer affairs.

Fiazman is a well-known personality in Sydney, having served as president of Hakoah more than a decade ago, as well as being deeply involved in Jewish communal and Australian Labor Party activities.

"My job is to complete our team's 1983 NSL season within the budget of \$200,000 allocated by the Hakoah Club," Fiazman said after his appointment.

The soccer committee stated it couldn't do this, and the Board of Directors has now appointed me to ensure that the task is carried out.

The shortfall is believed to be around \$30,000, which would still have meant an estimated saving of \$170,000 in 1983.

Fiazman categorically stated that his brief was "not to liquidate soccer".

However, he also emphasised that the Hakoah Board had not changed the views it put forward when it tried to withdraw Sydney City from the NSL late last year, a move thwarted only by a "revolt" of outraged club members.

"I cannot see any justification in spending huge amounts on soccer, with the present inadequate administration at the top of the game in Australia," he said.

"The ASF and its associated groups have done nothing for the sport during the past 10 years; in fact we have moved backwards, as proven by failing standards and attendances."

Fiazman emphasised that the occasional standout performance, such as that of the Young Socceroos, did not in any way represent the true state of the sport in Australia. He also made a point of stating that he did not seek the position of soccer chairman at Hakoah, "but someone had to do it".

"My main aim, apart from staying within the budget, is to make sure that we are not disgraced in the competition and that the team finishes in a respectable position on the ladder."

"I am, as is well known within our club, a firm opponent of 'buying' championship teams. An area where we have failed during the past decade is the development of our own junior system," Fiazman said.

The former team manager, Harry Lakmeyer, was asked by Hakoah president Frank Lowy to continue in the position.

Lakmeyer requested certain assurances, believed to have

been an undertaking not to sell any players for the rest of the 1983 season and a continued guarantee of financial assistance from the Hakoah Club at this year's level for at least two more seasons.

According to Fiazman it was impossible to provide such undertakings, resulting in Lakmeyer's decision to resign.

The new soccer chairman did state though that "I cannot see a situation anytime in the future, when Hakoah would not be involved in the playing of soccer".

What level such involvement would be at has not been defined, but "there will not be any action without consultation within the Board of Directors and with members of Hakoah".

During Fiazman's previous term as president of Hakoah the club went through one of its most successful periods in Australian soccer.

He was also notable for his interest in and support of the development of Hakoah's junior system into one of the most outstanding soccer nurseries in Australia.

While many supporters are wary in view of his expressed disenchantment with soccer

1983 style, they are hopeful that a man with Fiazman's background in the famous Sydney club's development will not allow the gradual emasculation and disappearance of Hakoah soccer at the highest levels.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Buffalo Sports are prepared to pay \$20,000 for the rights to stage, under the auspices of the Victorian Soccer Federation, the biggest six-a-side indoor soccer tournament yet seen in Australia.

The Buffalo deal pivots on the ability of the VSF to gain TV coverage of the four-night event planned to kick off on either the last Monday in August or the first Monday in September.

The tournament will be staged at the recently completed \$10.5 million Victorian Indoor Sports Centre, part of the Olympic Park complex.

VSF publicity and promotions officer, Lew Stafrace, posted submissions on Monday to Channel 9/28, the ABC and the Seven and Nine networks. QW already is keen to cover the tournament, and the ABC also has shown interest. Stafrace sought ratification of his recommendations for the tournament from the full board of the VSF at last Monday night's meeting at Soccer House.

Stafrace proposed that the tournament be run on a knock-out basis involving 32 clubs — the four Melbourne-based NSL clubs, the 14 State League clubs and the 14 Metropolitan First Division clubs.

His proposal called for eight matches to be played on the opening Monday night, followed by a further eight matches on the next Tuesday. That would leave 16 clubs left in the competition and they would fight for quarter-final berths on the Wednesday night, followed by finals night on the Thursday, involving four quarter-finals, two semi-finals, a play-off for third and fourth place, and the final.

Stafrace recommends that up to the semi-final stage, every club receive \$100 for each appearance. There would be no entry fee levied on the clubs. Losing semi-finalists would receive \$50, the runner-up would win \$1,500 and the winning club would receive \$2,500. The proposed play-off on finals night for third and fourth place would be used to give the semi-finalists a break before the final, especially so as not to disadvantage the winner of the second semi-final. A skills contest also would be staged before the final to give the winning semi-finalists a further breather.

It would cost the VSF close to \$1,000 a night to hire the Indoor Sports Centre — \$700 hiring fee and close to \$300 in cleaning charges.

Stafrace plans to charge a \$2 admission fee for adults and to allow children and pensioners free admission.

"The Indoor Sports Centre has just been completed and believe me, it really is something out of this world. It is absolutely magnificent," Stafrace said.

"There is seating for 7,000 with a view uninterrupted by pillars or rails. It's superb. Part of the floor area also can be used for seating and if we decide to use it we can comfortably accommodate 18,000."

TV coverage seems almost certain, which means that Buffalo's agreement to underwrite the tournament to the tune of \$20,000 will be upheld. Buffalo then can sell advertising space around the centre as well as gain vital TV exposure for its vast range of sporting goods.



Poland, from left, back row: Mowilk, Milewski, Janas, Skrobowski, Rudy, Lipka. Front: Dzluba, Iwan, Smolarek, Ciolek, Palasz.

POLAND, NALLY LAUNCH NEW ERA

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Patrick Nally himself came to Melbourne last week to launch Australian soccer into a bright new era.

Poland, Cameroon and Uruguay will be here in November to compete with Australia for prize money of about \$200,000.

Such tournaments will be played here every year, Nally said.

And he'll also organise international club tournaments to fill the coffers of the NSL.

Nally is managing director of the international sports marketing firm, West Nally Ltd.

He said his company had

pledged at least \$1 million in sponsorship to the NSL until 1986, with a view to backing the league for another four years after that.

Including sponsorship for the national teams, West Nally's backing of Australian soccer amounts to \$3.5 million.

In return, he has the rights to sell deals of his own to international companies wishing to use soccer as an advertising vehicle.

Part of the package he offers those companies is televised soccer from England.

And because he is involved as deeply in U.S. soccer as in the Australian variety, he is arranging a yearly play-off series between the champions of the NSL and the North American Soccer League.

He acknowledged that Melbourne is the centre of Australian soccer by allocating that city the final of the tournament on November 28.

All games will be played as double-headers, but the double-header planned for Adelaide may yet be split between Adelaide and Canberra.

As it stands, the schedule is: In Brisbane, Wednesday, November 16; In Sydney, Saturday, No-

in Adelaide, Wednesday, November 23;

In Melbourne (final and third-place play-off), Saturday, November 26.

All games are to be played under lights, but no floodlit ground has been found that will be available in Sydney in November.

The Channel 7 network will televise all games through ATN7 in Sydney BTQ7 in Brisbane, HSV7 in Melbourne and ADS7 in Adelaide.

Prize money will be \$US75,000 for the winner, \$US50,000 for the runner-up and \$US25,000 for third place. Only Cameroon has been given a guarantee — \$US25,000 — and the others will have to earn their prize money.

Asked what part he was playing in the NSL's controversial plan for regionalisation, Nally said:

"Peter Sheehan (ASF commercial director) and I are spending a lot of time talking to all involved, trying to understand their needs and to avoid confrontations on this issue. We are trying to arrive at a plan that everyone accepts."

He said he expected a firm commitment from a commercial TV network to cover the NSL if the right league

KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS



The national youth team leaves today (Wednesday) for Mexico to contest the World Youth Championships. What a great feeling it must be for the players!

I'd like to congratulate coach Les Schellin and his assistant Raul Blanco for their fine preparation of the team and I'm sure the boys will do very well in Mexico.

The form and confidence shown by the players in their recent outings tells me that there is a lot of maturity in the team. They have the skill, speed and power to overcome most of their opponents although they will be tested of course by Scotland which took out the European youth championship.

Good luck, guys. I hope you bring back the trophy!

Much will rely of course on the key players — David Lowe, Tommy McCulloch, Jim Patikas and Fabio Incantalupo.

*** Congratulations to my Olympic teammate, Tony Dakos, for gaining selection.

Tony, in my view, is a great player, and mature beyond his age of 18. He must be a certainty for the starting line-up against Mexico on June 2.

Commiserations to all the players who missed out on selection. I know exactly how you feel.

When the 1979 youth team was selected, I remember my own disappointment at being omitted from the preliminary round against New Zealand.

However, that made me determined to prove the coach wrong, and I did just that, returning to the squad for the series in Paraguay.

So, chin up, boys!

*** One player I believe should be in the squad is Terry Patalis of Sydney Olympic.

He's a very talented player and I predict a big future for him in Australia. Keep a note of the name.

He played his first NSL game for Olympic last Sunday, against St George.

*** It's often been said that if we want to improve the standard of our soccer, we must strive to have full-time players and coaches.

That way, players would be able to spend

Good luck 'Roos, bad luck, Patalis

the maximum amount of time preparing for matches, thereby improving many aspects of the game, polishing up certain skills and improving tactical know-how.

It's very hard for Australian players, working all day and going out to train three or four times as well, and then being expected to perform miracles at the weekend.

Look at the form of the youth team. It's excellent, but why? For a start, none of the boys work. They're either studying or playing soccer full-time. People may not realise it, but that makes a big difference to how you play.

I remember when I was studying for an Electronics Communications certificate I spent two and a half days at tech and the rest of the time on the field or resting. That sort of lifestyle gives a player a definite advantage.

*** Just a few words about NSW's 0-3 loss to Queensland in Brisbane.

It was just one of those games.

They scored from a penalty and again five minutes before half time from a free-kick mix-up and five minutes after half time in a scramble.

The timing of those goals was important, but on the day, they also outplayed us, and we can't take anything away from them.

Our coach, John Watkins, can't be blamed at all. He had little time to work on us and wasn't helped by the non-availability of some players.

Also, we trained on a bad night — Monday, the day after league matches, when most of us were still bruised and recovering.

We should have trained on Tuesday or Wednesday, and missed out on a club session. It's worth considering next time.

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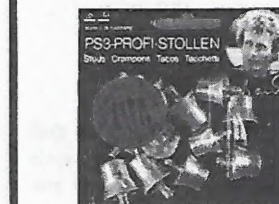
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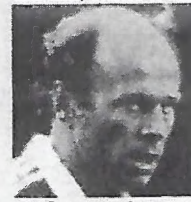
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Scorer: Jones 46th.
CANBERRA: Hossowski 8; Young 7, Murray 7, Bryant 8, Christopoulos 8; T. Byrne 7, G. Byrne 7, Cole 7; MacLaren 7, Gibson 8, Farina 7.
NEWCASTLE: Gosling 8, Boagard 7, Tredinnick 7, Mason 7, Watson 7, Bourke 7, Cowburn 7; Lee 8, Mountford 7, Jones 8, Brandt 7 (Senkalski 78th).
Ref: Glyn Davies.
Yellow Cards: Young, Bryant, Murray, G. Byrne, Tredinnick, Boagard.
Crowd: 2,518.

A solitary goal just 60 seconds into the second half by David Jones was enough to send Newcastle to the top of the ladder.

Jones was deputising for youngster David Lowe who was rested as he leaves for Mexico today (Wednesday) with Australia's World Youth Cup squad.

The avalanche of bookings will hit Canberra hard for they mean an automatic one-match suspension for young Jim Murray as he was already on 11 points before the game.

Even without Lowe, Newcastle is a complete team.

That was summed up by coach Ken Kaiser.

"We are not a team of stars. We are a squad of 16 that now believes itself to be a good team."

"It reflects in the lads' play as they are all working 90 minutes. We came to Canberra knowing we would be up against it but I felt we did enough to win."



Peter Windsor

"I wouldn't single out any particular player for praise. It was a solid team performance."

And opposite number George Murray: "Yes, I'm disappointed. To win you must compete man-for-man for 90 minutes."

"We didn't and that's what brought about the defeat."

David Jones' goal came straight after the second half whistle.

Throughout the remainder of the game only three other

clear chances emerged — two of them to Canberra.

The first came after just four minutes when a superbly struck Steve Bryant free-kick went up and over the wall and was dipping under the crossbar when it was finger-tipped away by Clint Gosling.

And he's a young man who looks to be a real find.

Into the second half Canberra also came close when a Bryant corner was headed out but straight to Cole and the Kiwi international's shot rapped the top of the crossbar.

Canberra played young World Youth Cup striker Frank Farina but he was contained — and also allowed George Christopoulos to play a full game — his first since injury in the competition's opening round.

And Christopoulos was a huge success in his unaccustomed role as sweeper.



Ian Purdie

Graedy 8 — Skeen 7, Ratcliffe 7, M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 7, Barton 8, J. O'Shea 7, Stone 7 — Slater 6, Muskovits 6 (Wilkinson 65th), Marton 8.

Terry Patalis, making his NSL debut for Sydney Olympic, was a delight to watch. If ever there was a future national team player, he is the one.

But unfortunately for Patalis and his entertaining, enterprising team, it was St. George that tasted the glory of victory, due to the determination of Mark Barton and the aerial power of Paul Wilkinson.

The game was locked at 1-1, and Olympic was by far the more impressive team, as Saints coach Frank Arok sent Wilkinson on as a substitute. Barton, who played on with blood streaming down his face after a heavy knock, made a powerful run past defenders to the byline and crossed to Wilkinson who rose high and headed in the winning goal.

Peter Katholos, with help from Peter Raskopoulos, ran the midfield for Olympic, and Patalis, on the flank, was involved in every attacking move.

Praise also must go to 15-year-old Chris Kalantzis, brought into the Olympic side for his NSL debut, after having played for Olympic's under 16s the previous day.

John O'Shea shot Saints into the lead after about five minutes but it took only seconds for Mike Coady, who had come up from defence, to equalise.

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Lujic down but no penalty

Foots JUST 0 Heidelberg 0

Venue: Schindler Reserve.

Crowd: 1985.

Cautions: Purdie, Paton.

Referee: Sam Zoumas 3.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Boland 9, Tull 7 — Kyriakoulas 8, Hazabent 7 — Taylor 6, Belic 9, Curovic 7, Paton 7, Purdie 6 (G. Macleod 77th) — Carroll 8, Lujic 7.

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER: Oliver 7 — Mulla 7, Yankos 7, Macleod 7, Spanos 6 — Solemids 6, Angelo 5, Campbell 5, Valentine 5 — Patterson 5 (Toro 70th), Lea 8.

A serious mistake by referee Sam Zoumas cost Footscray J.U.S.T. victory, after Heidelberg had its chances to win in the first half, during which shots by Theo Selemidis and Joe Angelo hit the crossbar.

With four minutes to play, Zdravko Lujic was trying to dribble around Ian McKie on the left, inside the penalty area.

McKie took a swipe at the ball, missed it and connected instead with Lujic's knee.

It was as clear a penalty as you ever would see, but Zoumas waved play on.

Heidelberg players claimed they were deprived of a goal by Zoumas earlier in the game, when Vlatko Belic cleared off the line from Heidelberg's best player, Derek Lea.

There were angry scenes as Heidelberg claimed the ball already had crossed the line. Even Belic wasn't sure after the game whether or not the ball had gone in.

J.U.S.T. played a defensive game throughout, relying on breaks via Joe Carroll and Zdravko Lujic. Suleiman Curovic marked Jim Campbell out of the game and a five-man midfield, including Belic who also dropped back into defence, stifled Heidelberg's game with relentless tackling and by closing down quickly.

Ian Purdie, Canberra's top scorer last year, made his J.U.S.T. debut at the expense of Paul Simic, and displayed all his skill and commitment without having the required level of match fitness. He will be a valuable asset indeed.

Every threat to the J.U.S.T. defence came from Lea who was extremely unlucky not to score at least three times: first in the 28th minute when he hit a stray ball from just outside the goal area only to see goalkeeper Dennis Boland, who had just planned down a high cross, fling himself into the way of Lea's shot; then in the 44th minute when Lea's back-header from a corner was knocked over the bar by Boland, and again in the 56th minute when Lea's third attempt was cleared off the line by Belic.



Man-of-the-match Vlatko Belic (rear) challenges Heidelberg's Mike Valentini. Pictures by LES SHORROCK

Macleod and Greechan off

Footscray J.U.S.T.'s big striker Gus Macleod wants a transfer only five months after joining from Ajax. Macleod has been on the bench for the past two games.

His transfer fee is \$3000.

Meanwhile, Macleod's former team mate Kit Greechan has asked Ajax for a transfer.



Joe Angelo

Lea's performance was all the more noteworthy because he was virtually a one-man attack, making his own chances.

Joe Angelo, promoted from the reserves to replace Robert Vincent, had a shot deflected onto the crossbar in the 10th minute, and Don Macleod looked in for a goal as he got onto the end of a ball at the far post after a cross had cleared the heads of all defenders and forwards. But Belic threw himself in and forced the ball over for a corner.

Then Belic stormed through the midfield and set up Lujic with a through ball. He turned and played another through ball for Purdie who, however, miskicked from the left.

Theo Selemidis broke through the midfield for Heidelberg and belted another shot against the crossbar.

A strong wind blew from goal to goal, spoiling the game as a spectacle, and aiding Heidelberg in the first half.

But even against the wind, Belic launched another attack via Lujic, to Carroll, and back to Lujic inside the box, but goalkeeper Jeff Oliver came at Lujic quickly to smother the shot.

Lea had another chance in the 70th minute, on a pass from substitute Toro, but this time miskicked, and at the other end, it was a timely tackle by John Spanos that prevented a goal from Belic.

who was about to shoot after running to the edge of the area on a pass from Kyriakoulas.

Even after the disallowed penalty, J.U.S.T. had another chance to score with a shot by substitute Gus Macleod who was given the ball by Lujic. Macleod's shot hit the crossbar, but referee Zoumas ruled the move was offside anyway.

It was a much, much better performance from J.U.S.T. This type of commitment and concentration should lift the club quickly up the table, especially after Gary McDowell arrives from Hamilton Academicals to further strengthen the team.

Heidelberg did not show the same fight as J.U.S.T. in mid-field, yet still had chances to win the game. With a defence that ranks among the best in the league, Heidelberg has no problems that coach Ken Morton cannot solve, but the team still needs a goalscoring forward.

PETER RANKIN TURNS THE TIDE

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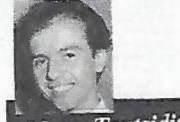
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Meno Toutsidis

on the spot to make full use of Peter Rankin's square pass.

It was substitute Rankin who helped turn the game in the 87th minute when he linked with Sergio Mulla who gratefully accepted his opportunity from close in.

So City took the points despite living so dangerously in the backlines.

Midfielder Les Carter and McNally must take most of the credit.

McNally made some fine saves when goals looked likely while Carter cleared off the line not once, but on three occasions.

It must be noted, however, that City lifted considerably after Villani's equaliser.

Rankin could yet lift City to great heights this season but I rather suspect that both City and West will have to be satisfied with mid-table positions.



Action from the local derby last Sunday between West Adelaide and Adelaide City, which ended in a 2-1 win to City. Here City custodian Willie McNally (left) punches clear from a corner kick, watched by team mates Les Carter and Niel Banfield and West Adelaide's Chris Manou (right). Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

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Hakoah fights for life

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By PETER SCOTT

Petitions demanding democratisation of the Hakoah Club are circulating in Sydney and a group of club members have taken legal advice as the struggle to save the National League champions from disbandment continues.

The petition seeks to call and extraordinary general meeting of the club, with a view to reforming the articles of association.

Currently no less than nine of the 11 directors of the huge licenced operation are in a permanent possession of their seats on the board, solely on the strength of having purchased \$5,000 in debentures, some of them as long ago as 13 years.

Amendments to the articles of association, circulated in the petition, would upon adoption force all directors to retire and seek election at the regular general meetings of the Hakoah Club.

In the legal moves, club members are gearing up for the possibility of seeking injunctions in the Supreme Court of N.S.W. If the new soccer chairman Sam Fisman attempts to sell off the outstanding

players of the club prior to any resolution of the dispute now splitting the Hakoah membership.

I am reliably informed that NSL manager Steve Kamasz has been contacted by a member of the soccer supporters' group, seeking his assistance in warning off other clubs thinking of plundering the Hakoah playing staff.

One of Sydney's most prominent law firms has provided legal advice on gaining a temporary injunction if the board of directors attempts to start a sell-off of players, and the advice received has serious implications not only for the Hakoah board, but also for any club seeking to grab players of the club.

Although Fisman denied that he took over as soccer chairman of the club simply to act as the teams' liquidator (see page 3) the very next day he announced that "any player wishing to leave won't be stopped from doing so".

The statement was issued although not a single member of the Hakoah squad expressed a desire to break his contract with the club.

Further fuel was added to the fire consuming the famous club by the fact that several directors, who support Hakoah's soccer activities, were allegedly not invited to the meeting which decided to depose the soccer committee and replace it with Fisman.

It is believed that the snubbed directors included former vice president and Soccercom manager Andrew Lederer and Tibor Glass.

It is anticipated that a number of these directors will attend a meeting of Hakoah members tonight (Wednesday), which has the formation of an action committee and the launching of moves for the convening of the extraordinary general meeting on its agenda.

Rumors are circulating that the board of directors is working on the elimination from the articles of association of all mentions about the Hakoah club's obligation towards soccer.

This is in spite of the fact that liquor and poker machine licenses were originally granted by the NSW government on the understanding that the club's prime purpose was to foster soccer.

Previous requirements on membership applications, demanding the specification of applicants' involvement with the sport, were unilaterally removed by the board some time ago.

The action committee plans to call a general meeting of club members within the next few weeks.

Under the extraordinarily restrictive provisions of the Hakoah club's governing regulations, almost 400 signatures are required for the calling of an extraordinary general meeting.

However, organisers are confident of easily reaching this target.

More than 600 signatures were collected in just over a day for the petition which prevented Hakoah's board of directors from implementing its decision, made without any consultation with the members, to abandon its NSL obligation late last year.

So Wednesday is D day for Hakoah. This may be the soccer bombshell of the year.

The team that just won't die

Syd. City 2 APIA 0

At Sydney Athletic Field.
Crowd 1350.
Referee Doug Rennie 3.
Scorers Gomez 63rd minute,
Mitchell 91st minute.

Cautions: Kosmina, O'Connor, Clark (SC), Bertogno, Pullen (APIA).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clarke 7, Cant 6, Robertson 7, O'Connor 7, Bruce 6, Souness 5, Gomez 7, Kay 6, Watson 5, Kosmina 7, Mitchell 7.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 6, Carter 5, Bertogno 7, Pullen 7, Gray 6, Butler 7, Schermann 6, Bradly 6, Trednick 7, Morsello 7, Valeri 4 (67th minute, Giampalo 5).

General manager of Hakoah Soccer Club, Presto Smallgoods, Paul Lederer, summed up the situation within the club when he remarked that "This team just refuses to lie down and die".

The team, of course, is perennial National League champion Hakoah, whose board of directors is busy trying to demolish 44 years of soccer tradition, in the face of the outraged objections of many of its members.

But, there simply seems to be too much talent in the side.

In the vital fixture against APIA, there was also a good dose of sheer determination.

At the end of the match, the victorious Hakoah side was clapped off the field by its supporters, including members of the former soccer committee, which was tossed out by club president Frank Lowy a few days earlier.

By contrast, new soccer

Peter Scott

chairman Sam Fisman paused in the locker room only for a few moments and a handshake with Gerardo Gomez.

As for the on-field activity, APIA had much better of the proceedings in the first half, with Morsello in the 19th and Schermann in the 27th minute looking likely scorers, but failing to convert.

At the other end John Kosmina was kept under lock and key by a very effective Mark Pullen most of the time.

Hakoah took control of the match after the change, but APIA still could have taken the lead in the 57th minute, when a good shot by Terry Butler found the target through a forest of legs, only to be booted off the line by Jim Cant.

But the Italians' fate was sealed in the 63rd minute, when Gerardo Gomez celebrated his inclusion in the Soccer training squad with a colossal volley from 18 metres which slammed into the left corner with the velocity of a ballistic missile.

The final nail in APIA's coffin was just reward for the hard-working David Mitchell, on the comeback trail after injury, when in the 91st minute he found a hole in the APIA defence to elegantly slot home Hakoah's second goal.



● Makedonia's Con Opasinas (left) and David Jones close down Charlie Egan of Hellas.
Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Kick it out, throw it in, kick it out...

SM-Hellas 0 Makedonia 0

Venue: Middle Park.
Crowd: about 7500.
Referee: Dennis Voutsinas

Cautions: McMillan, Blair, Jones, Ozakov

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 6 — Russell 7, Bozovic 6, half time, Xenopoulos 7, Blair 8, Yendorn 7 — Halford 7, Crino 6, Murphy 5 — Brown 5, Egan 7, Woodin 6.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7 — Ollerton 6, Jones 6, Opasinas 5, McMillan 7, Flavell 8, Ilioski 5, Ozakov 6, Campbell 5 — Lucchesi 5, Ward 5.



Laurie Schwab

Both teams played a new system of wing play in this game. The idea is to kick the ball out of play as often as possible, and work your way down the line with throw-ins.

The strong wind didn't help, but I'm sure, had they tried, the players could have saved

the game from deteriorating into one of the most abysmal second halves I've ever seen.

For Hellas at least, it ended the club's four-match run of defeats, but its performance was far from satisfying. Makedonia's attitude was that, playing away from home against a side which should have been desperate, it was good enough simply to insure against losing.

Gordon Flavell marked Ken Murphy out of the game, George McMillan did likewise to Doug Brown, Zoran Ilioski shadowed Oscar Crino and Con Opasinas marked Charlie Egan.

Makedonia wanted to score in the first half. Having failed to do so, it was content to sit back for the rest of the game, defend and get forward in a few breaks.

Hellas relied heavily on the long ball to Egan, hoping that Egan's speed would break the Makedonia defence. He battled away gamely, but without support, he was unable to get clear of Opasinas.

Perhaps Hellas should think about moving Brown into the middle, to combine with Egan as a two-man strike force on the type of long balls played last Sunday.

Vlado Bozovic, from Hellas's State League side, made his NSL debut as a half-time substitute for Bobby Russell who had a stomach ailment. In the first half, Russell prevented what might have been a goal, when he cleared a close-range header from Claude Lucchesi in the goal mouth.

The best chance of the game fell to George Campbell. He ran into the clear at the edge of the penalty area, and with Laumets coming towards him, shot over the empty goal.

bustle, tackle, shadow and even foul Pimblett enough to take him out of the game.

Pimblett's fellow 'midfielders Bobby Hamilton and Allan Hughes had shooers while the City trio of Steve Hogg, John Ogden and new signing Jim McDonagh were superb.

Youngster Alan Hunter, completely tied up the City strikers, especially Billy Williamson. But he wasn't content with defending and he rose brilliantly at the near post in the 25th minute to glance a header off a John Ogden corner into the net.

But it was Wishart's mistake that ended any hopes City had of coming back in the second half. Lions got a free-kick just outside the box and Russell Stewart hit a wayward shot with his right foot. The ball hit Liddell on the back and fell again or Stewart who put a low left foot shot into the far corner. Wishart dived and appeared to have it covered but the ball, possibly slippery from the wet conditions, slipped through his hands into the net.

That sunk City and Lions came forward at every opportunity. McDonagh combined with Kelso to set up Hogg who drove the ball into the net from 25m.

Lions' other goal came when Wishart was chipped by John Stewart — another example of poor positioning — and Perry was forced to handball on the line to prevent a goal. Niven took the penalty.

Winn hits 3 in debut

Marconi 5 Wollongong 4

Scorers: Winn 40', 43', 61'.
Jankovic 55', Carbone 90' (M).
Willis 49' pen, Cotton 74',
Hunter og 80', Fleming 82' (W).

Ground: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 2800
Referee: Barry Wilkinson 8
Yellow cards: Bozanic (M), Willis, McBrean (W)
Red cards: Nil

MARCONI: James 7, Bozanic 6, O'Rourke 5, Duggan 5, Budini 7, Djordjevic 6, Sarmanni 8, Carbone 8, Hunter 5, Jankovic 6, Winn 8.

WOLLONGONG: Preston 6, Willis 6, Pollard 5, Dunlavy 6, McBrean 7, Ainsworth 6, Fleming 6, Gaffney 6, Cotton 7, O'Connor 6, Dickson 5.

Marconi's new signing, Steven Winn, lived up to his reputation by scoring three goals and spearheading Marconi to a narrow but deserved win over luckless Wollongong City.

After spending most of the first half finding his feet in his initiation to the NSL, Winn exploded with two goals close to half time, then made a superb break to create one for Mark Jankovic before crashing a superb left-foot drive to complete his hat-trick and give Marconi a 4-1 lead midway through the second half.

Wollongong stormed back to score three goals in the space of eight minutes to have the sides locked at 4-4 with seven minutes to go.

Willie Wallace was on his feet and Wollongong was in full flight as Marconi came back to snatch what seemed an unbelievable equaliser. Attilio Carbone took his time to round a defender before crashing a superb drive into the top left-hand corner with seconds remaining, giving Marconi the three points.

Doug Collins, who claimed only last Friday "that no matter what, Steven Winn will be included in the side", suggesting that even after the return of the young Socceros, Winn would have a place in the side, was delighted by the performance of the ex-Rotherham and Torquay forward.

It was a topsy-turvy affair at Marconi Stadium as first Wollongong, then Marconi had the upper hand. Wollongong opened brightly and had Marconi's depleted defence in all sorts of bother.

McBrean hit the post from a cross by O'Connor in the 14th minute, then some four minutes later it was Phil O'Connor who was put through by Willis to face James but alas, it wasn't going to be, as O'Connor took the ball harmlessly past the post.

Jovan Djordjevic found O'Rourke who raced some five metres before crossing low into the area for Winn to hit one on the turn, giving Preston



Alex Vesic

no chance. Two minutes later Marconi's enterprising Tom Sermanni beat two players to the ball and sent Ian Hunter into the clear. A short chip to the near post saw Steven Winn rise high to glance home his second goal.

Roy Cotton, Wollongong's most dangerous forward, weaved his way into the area before being brought down by Bozanic only a few minutes after the restart and Peter Willis made no mistake from the resultant penalty. Only a couple of minutes later Scott Dickson put one over the bar from close range before Marconi struck again.

A clearance by Marconi's defence was picked up by Winn on the halfway line and brilliantly carried past one defender with space to burn. As another defender approached, Winn crossed to the far post and Jankovic headed past Preston to make it 3-1.

On the stroke of one hour it was Winn again as he brushed past a defender to hit a superb left-footer from the edge of the penalty box. It came in off the post, with Preston beaten for the fourth time.

Who would have thought that from this scoreline and only 16 minutes to go Wollongong was going to make a game of it? But they did and almost snatched victory. A long clearance by Wollongong's defence saw Cotton outstrip the brittle Marconi defence to make it 4-2, then Ian Hunter headed past his own keeper to make it 4-3.

Seven minutes to go and this time John Fleming found the net after a melee in Marconi's goalmouth to set the stage for an exciting finish. Wollongong looked stronger and eager to go forward, looking for the killer goal. But alas, it was Marconi's livewire Carbone who put the finished touches to one of the best games we have seen at Marconi.

He took the ball wide on the left, dummied and came in field to strike a superb shot from some 25 metres. Jim Preston's dive was in vain, with the ball cleaning the cobwebs at the top left hand corner of the goal.

Marconi's dressing room was one happy place. Winn was beaming with delight. "I felt tired during the first period, sluggish and slow, but those two goals at the end of the first period gave me the encouragement I needed. Of course there was also my old team mate from Torquay, Tom Sermanni," quipped Winn after the match.

Kistemaker's plot pays off



Ricky Rosso

Brisb. Lions 4 Brisb. City

Scorers: Hunter 25th, R. Stewart 52nd, Hogg 67th, Niven, pen, 74th.
Venue: Kelso (TSC).

Cautions: Kelso (TSC), Williamson (TSC).

Referee: Bill Monteverdi 7.
LIONS: Scanlan 8, McClurg 7, Hunter 9, Marszalek 7, Niven 8 — McDonagh 7, Hogg 8, J. Stewart 8, Ogden 7, Wright 7 (R. Stewart half-time 7), Kelso 9.

CITY: Wishart 5, Perry 7, Tokasi 7, Liddell 8, Wilkinson 6, Hughes 6, Pimblett 6, Hamilton 5, Williamson 6, Cairney 5, Brownfield 5 (Falco 6th).

Socceros squad member Kim Wishart could well find himself in the Australian team but out of his club side following Brisbane City's collapse in this game.

Coaches have water fight

Brisbane Lions officials this week will decide whether to take any action over an incident in which Brisbane City coach Jim Hermiston allegedly threw a bucket of water over Lions' coach Simon Kistemaker after last Sunday's local derby.

The incident reportedly happened as the two coaches left the Kelso field after Lions' convincing 4-1 victory. It is understood Kistemaker made a remark to Hermiston (pictured) and the former PSL Player of the



Simon Kistemaker

Year and policeman retaliated by throwing the contents of a bucket he was carrying over the Dutchman.

Kistemaker was enraged and several players had to hold him back.

— RICKY ROSSO

Wishart's reflex saves are as good as anyone in Australia, and it was that which impressed caretaker national coach Frank Arok when he watched Wishart in goals for Queensland against New South Wales.

But the big man's positioning and basic skills have let him down more than once this season. Against Lions last weekend he let in a simple shot from Russell Stewart that let Lions go two goals ahead.

The goal in effect ended any hopes City had of a comeback. But the former NSL table leaders didn't even deserve a point on their pathetic showing. With the exception of Frank Liddell, who even assumed attacking duties at one stage, many of the City players spent most of the game hiding.

But take no credit away from the gutsy young Lions

and their coach Simon Kistemaker. The Dutchman had put a lot of work and thought into the match he so desperately wanted to win after being humiliated by City in two early season matches.

Kistemaker had been under a lot of pressure in the week leading up to the match to rest his two young Socceros, Danny Wright and Russell Stewart. But he knew without the youngsters he was doomed, so he struck upon a plan to play each of them for one half only.

Seeing Russell Stewart on the bench must have made Hermiston's eyes light but that wasn't to last when Kistemaker's plan of playing Stewart's brother John on City midfield dynamo Frank Pimblett began to take effect.

John Stewart was able to

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By ANDREW DETTRE

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The panel will comprise:

- one spectator chosen by his ticket number;
- one representative of the firm sponsoring the match (St. George) has 13 match sponsors);
- one sports writer;
- one former player and
- one guest of honor.

Five criteria will be used in judging the match. They are: entertainment value, commitment by the players, fairness, the result, and the number of goals scored.

In the areas of entertainment and commitment, votes will be cast by the panel.

The top vote is six, going down to 4, then 2, and finally minus-4 if it's a real bore.

In the area of fairness, 2 votes are cast if no yellow cards are shown during the game. Every yellow card shown represents a minus-2 vote, and every red card a minus-five vote.

The rest of the voting works as follows:

RESULT: 5 votes for a home win, 3 for a draw, minus-2 for a defeat.

NUMBER OF GOALS: 3 votes for every home goal, 1 vote for every goal against, minus-1 for a scoreless draw and minus-2 if the home team loses and does not score.

The votes then are counted and if they don't total 60, money will be refunded.

St. George will offer its money-back guarantee at each of its remaining home matches.



• The Soccer Saints 1983, from left: Back row: Frank Lang — (assist. coach), Paul Wilkinson, Ken Wilson, Michael O'Shea, David Ratcliffe, Robbie O'Shea, Terry Greedy, Frank Arok (manager/coach). Front row: Robbie Slater, Dez Merton, Andrew Koczka, John O'Shea, Peter Stone (captain), David Skene, Mark Barton, Charlie Jurisic (physio) Major Sponsor: Foresight Marketing Pty. Ltd.; Peerless Industries.

PELE AND CHARLTON AMONG VISITORS

In Australia's far from splendid isolation, soccer celebrities are not the same dime-a-dozen as in European capitals.

Yet, the St. George club at Mortdale can claim to have had more than its fair share of famous visitors.

Bobby Charlton was there on a private visit to Sydney and so was Pele when he played here with Santos: Sir Stanley Rous was a special guest a few years ago as was the entire Ferencvaros team led by Florian Albert and, early 1982, the Hungarian national side was added to the list.

In between other famous Hungarian sportsmen also visited the Saints' comfortable Soccer House: Olympic champion fencers Tibor Pezsa and Gyozo Kulcsar and Olympic and world champion pentathlete Andras Balcz.

Today the clubhouse offers all the modern facilities you can imagine: it's used for meetings, conferences, balls, physical culture — or just a social meeting place.

Soccer House is unique: its manager is a woman, Jean Patterson — who just about lives in the club and for the club.

Some 1,000 people can be seated throughout the auditorium and various halls at the one time and its restaurant has a fine Continental cuisine.

Socceroos galore

St. George so far has had 22 full internationalists in the Australian team.

The list: John Warren, Dave Todd, Attila Abonyi, Manfred Schaefer, Adrian Alston, Mike Denton, Jack Reilly, George Harris, Alan Ainslie, Ernie Campbell, Bobby Hogg, Doug Ujesevic, John McDonald, Jim Fraser, Harry Williams, Rudolfo Gnani, Mark Jankovics, Peter Stone, John Davies, Phil O'Connor, John O'Shea and David Ratcliffe.

Some were with the Saints before or after their Australian appearances, not during their stay with the club.

Three are in the squad now for the matches against England: David Ratcliffe, Mike O'Shea and Terry Greedy.

St. George and the St. George-Sudapest Club are synonymous with Australian soccer. They have been since the early 1960s when they began their surge to the top and, in company with Hakoah, APIA and the now defunct Prague, formed one of the Big Four in Sydney soccer.

The beginnings were humble: the club was formed as Budapest at the end of 1956 as the logical if not legal successor to the Hungarian-based Europa Club (originally Ferencvaros) that came into being in the Bathurst Migrant Holding Centre early 1950.

Like most other migrant clubs, Budapest struggled and survived. Only the support of a few hundred enthusiasts and the occasional donations from well-heeled members kept their heads above water plus the immense energy of a small team of officials headed by Les Bordaacs.

Then, in the early 1960s, Bordaacs managed to lure a new man into the fold — and the club's pedestrian progress speeded up. For Alex Pongrass was no ordinary supporter.

Blessed with a searching, restless mind of the most practical nature, Pongrass soon convinced the club that without a solid financial basis, it was doomed to keep passing the hat around at matches and selling chook raffles until eternity.

The idea of a social club was born — and Alex Pongrass bought, caajoed, argued, hustled and bagged his club towards eventual ownership. In 1967 the club gained its licence, purchased a former Police-Citizens Boys' Club, extended and renovated it, and has gained that financial basis which Alex Pongrass had designated as its lifeblood.

That having been accomplished, Pongrass decided that no club could ever hope to prosper without a home ground. And the stadium project was born. Once again — as with the clubhouse — a million arguments were advanced about why this couldn't be done. Just think of the money, people sighed.

Alex Pongrass assigned the task to his trusted lieutenant Steve Koenig in 1974; work began in 1976 — and by 1977 the St. George Stadium, with a capacity of 15,000, opened. Another of those "can't-be-done" achievements of Pongrass...

In between, of course, the teams were playing, winning and losing — and gradually establishing the club as a major force in soccer. The first triumph was the Ampol Cup win in 1960, under the coaching of Laurie Hegyes; the first NSW championship in 1962, with Joe Vlasits at the helm.

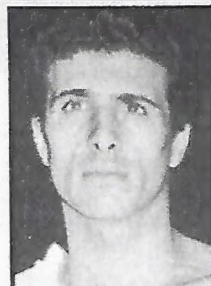
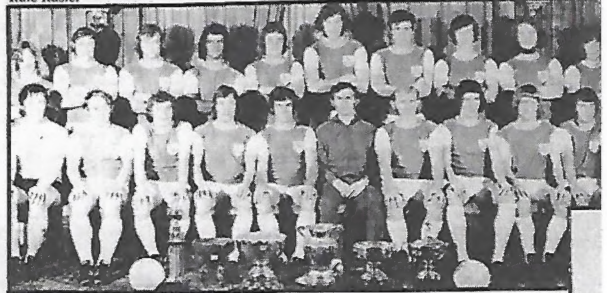
All told, the Saints — first as Budapest, then as Budapest-South Sydney and finally as St. George BSC — won the NSW championship three times (1962, 1972 and 1976), came second or third in 10 seasons between 1959 and 1975, won the Grand Final five times, the Ampol Cup four times and, as their latest triumph, the PSL Grand Final last year.

Their "dream years" began when Frank Arok from Yugoslavia first arrived on the scene in 1980: he was to come back in 1972 and again, for the third time, at the end of 1980 after the Saints suffered their first and only major setback — relegation from the PSL. Within a year Arok took them back into the League, finishing second and topping it off with a Grand Final win...

Of all their great teams, most fans recall with nostalgia the 1971 side, the one which toured Japan and Hong Kong undefeated. An incredible 10 players of that team

were Australian internationals: Reilly, Harris, Schaefer, Ujesevic, Hogg, Ainslie, Abonyi, Denton, Williams and Alston — with John Warren out of action for a whole year through injury. No wonder that many claimed St. George was stronger than the national team — and not just because the coach that year was also the Socceroo Supremo, Rale Rasic.

• THE MOST SUCCESSFUL FIRST TEAM SQUAD THE CLUB'S HISTORY, 1972 winners of the Ampol Cup, Premiership Ampol Cup and Premiership Goal Scoring Champions. Back Row (left to right): Marty Treasure, John Stoddart, Jimmy Herron, Harris, Willie Hamilton, Neville Morgan, Fabian Juhász, Harris, Brendan Grosse, Alan Ainslie. Front: Denis De Mike Denton, Attila Abonyi, Bobby Hogg, Johnny V Frank Arok (manager-coach), Manfred Schaefer, Adrian, George Harris, Doug Ujesevic, Jimmy Fraser.



Saints' first South American import, Eduardo Massey (1962)



Johnny Warren — former St. George star and coach, always a crowd favorite

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Ratcliffe, Marton the kingpins

"We're just an ordinary team, with no stars," Frank Arok said often enough to be believed, at the start of the current campaign. And almost everybody believed him — except perhaps rival coaches, who wouldn't be lulled into complacency about the Saints.

The fact is — the Saints are likely to be one of the serious title contenders again this year, as they were in 1982.

If they have a structural weakness, it's their lack of depth: St. George has only 13 players under contract, a very small figure when compared with some other clubs whose complement exceeds 20.

But what they have is first class: a highly disciplined, well motivated and fit squad, tactically mature, technically well above average — attributes that could take them close to the very top.

The Saints are lucky to have two top goalies in Terry Greedy and Mike Fraser. Greedy had to wait almost a whole year in 1982 to get his chance — and now he resists all attempts to be displaced by Fraser, himself often regarded as one of the best in Australia.

The undisputed kingpin of the defence is David Ratcliffe at sweeper, a 1982 signing from Brisbane City and one of the most competitive and reliable defenders in Australia. Next to him at stopper is Mike O'Shea — the youngest of the trio of brothers — improved so enormously in one season that both are now in the Australian squad.

David Skeen, at right fullback, is one of the crowd favorites: a short, stocky, stunningly durable and hard-fighting little beaver who appears to have extra limbs to compensate for his short legs. On the other flank Robert O'Shea has developed into a forceful and speedy overlapping fullback.

The busy midfield is orchestrated by the team's captain, Peter Stone — at 29 one of the team's few veterans. Alongside him John O'Shea — the eldest of the brothers — and Mark Barton form an efficient "ball-trap" where most of the opposition attacks break down.

Up front Dez Marton, now "about" 34, is still regarded as one of the deadliest strikers in Australia. Although his work-rate is gradually slipping, his opportunism and shooting power still make him a feared opponent.

Robbie Salter, usually on the right wing, is one of the fresh young Australian talents — and Arok predicts a huge future for this 19-year-old, signed for \$100 from Auburn in 1982.

The third member of the attack is either the tall Paul Wilkinson or the awkward but effective John Muscovits. Wilkinson has still not fulfilled all the hopes attached to his signing (with Ratcliffe from Brisbane City) and is perhaps the unluckiest striker with his shots in the whole NSL.

Young Andrew Kozeka occasionally gets a run in the team, in midfield — but he really belongs to the brigade of the Arok-hopefuls being carefully groomed for the future.



Dez Marton

David Ratcliffe

David Skeen

Another ideas man joins Frank Arok

You often hear the claim that Frank Arok is the best coach in Australia. This is like referring to the versatile brilliance of Leonardo da Vinci in terms of a "talented painter."

Arok is a good coach; an excellent one. But he is a great deal more than that. In fact, I am convinced he is the most lucid, creative and constructive soccer thinker in this land. Thinker? Well, no; Arok is also a creator, innovator and inventor. This is what puts him into a special category — quite possibly a category with a membership of one.

No matter how long you've been following soccer, how deep and intimate your involvement with the game, how highly you — or others — rate your expertise in any given field, half an hour with Frank Arok will give you new perspectives.

He is simply bristling with ideas: on organisation, administration, management, soccer training, tactics or the future of the game.

At present, he's working on plans to secure his club's future in what he describes as "hard times."

"I'm grooming some half a dozen or so exceptionally talented youngsters to be ready in January 1984," he says. Why the specific date?

"We may have to field a new team next season. All our players will have to accept new financial conditions — or leave. There won't be any signing-on fees and guarantees; the boom days are over."

"I'm sure most will understand this — but some may not. Clubs can't go broke because of excessive payments to players. If there's no club, there's no need for players."

Arok cut his 1982 budget of \$480,000 to just under \$300,000 this season; half of that goes to the players. He claims that roughly half of ANY club's budget, regardless of size, always goes to players.

"From next year we will spend on the team only what we, as a soccer team, can earn — not a cent from the social club which needs its revenue to tick itself into shape."

To this end, the Saints are importing from England not a player, not an administrator — but a salesman. The man has spent 15 years with a first division

club there generating promotional, advertising and sponsorship funds — and has an impeccable record. He will arrive in August and, knowing Arok's methods, starts work next morning, around eight.

He is apt to go into raptures over some of the "kids" now being groomed for future seasons: Peter Potkovski, Chris Polina, Andrew Kozeka, Pedro Ricoy and Paul Darrington are rattled off quickly. All are under 17, all talented — only their personal determination and ambition will determine who will reach the top and who will be a forgotten talent. Reluctantly, though with his usual candor, he singles out Uruguayan-born Pedro Ricoy as "something extra special" who could become the brainiest and greatest midfielder this country has seen.

Arok, unlike many others, has few fears about the future of the National League.

"There are some signs that things will change and improve," he says. "Soccer at that level must be conducted as a business, without sentiment. If the administration and the clubs can adopt a more virile, business-like attitude, we will survive. Otherwise we don't deserve to."

Publicity, promotion, propaganda, public relations — call it what you like — is the biggest weakness of the ASF-NSL duo, says Arok.

"I estimate that no more than two per cent of the ASF-NSL's budget is spent on these. In the entertainment business — where we are supposed to be — the average budget allocation for publicity is 18 per cent. Top rock groups often spend up to half their revenue on it. And here we are trying to make do with two per cent. This year the NSL can't spend a cent on any promotion or even match advertising. It's in this area that a new drive is needed and rather urgently."

"Without that, the NSL will struggle whether they subsidize it or not. A product nowadays cannot be sold without advertising, no matter how high the quality is. Pierre Cedric knows that, the Waldorf Astoria knows that, Qantas knows that; only soccer doesn't want to know it."

"We think it's our birthright to get the whole media behind us, because soccer is such a great sport. Sure it is. But how will the masses ever find out about it?"

Without these three there'd be no Saints

Great clubs are often associated with a few outstanding people. You think of Real Madrid and the names of Bernabeu and Saprissa spring to mind; mention Juventus of Turin and you think of the Agnelli family of Fiat fame; Manchester United cannot be even uttered without bowing your head to Busby.

St George has three such men — in chronological order: Les Bordacs, Alex Pongrass and Frank Arok. Without these three — or perhaps any one of the three — there would be no St George today.

Of course, it would be utterly unfair to ignore the contributions of many others who, in one capacity or another, have worked and brought sacrifices for their club.



Les Bordacs



Alex Pongrass

Even among this multitude a few must be singled out partly because of their length of service with the club: Steven Koenig, Kevin Fisher, John Heddon, Emory Napp, Zoltan Gyenes, Nandor Varnay, Steve Kaya, Charlie Luckell, Mathew Goffar, Tony Balazs, George Kovacs, George Moncar, John Jager, Gyula Koller, Frank Zischmann, Ambrus Fazekas, Simon Anthony, Les Benyai, Steve Curtis, Les Turani — and many others.

Most of these still serve on one of the committees or are actively involved in the running of the social club.

The clubhouse manager is Ivan Patterson and public relations is handled by Faye Noyas.

Galambos, Schauman, Abonyi, Fernandez, Clemence, Banicevic

At last count, players of 17 different countries have appeared for St George since its entry into the NSW first division in 1959.

That much for being a "Hungarian club."

Of course, at the start the majority of players were young Hungarian refugees from revolution-torn Budapest. Three of those were particularly close to the hearts of the fans: the dashing Joe Galambos (he died a few years ago), the elegant Frank Lang (now Frank Arok's assistant coach) and the irrepressible, brilliantly talented Les Schauman.

Others joined them a bit later: Thor Zuckerman, Erno Grosz, Joe Csardas, Jeno Bosanszky, Joe Pompor, Ballint Jonas, Miklos Jobbagy, Joe Vasvary and, in 1970, the inimitable Attila Abonyi.

The Saints were the first Australian club to import South American players, something that became quite a fashion later on. In 1982 they brought out two Argentinians, Eduardo Massey, and Miguel Mazzina. A year later they were followed by fellow Argentinians Hugo Rodriguez, Victor Fernandez, Lorenzo Heredia and Salvador Isaac who, to this day, cherishes his club shirt and other memorabilia in his Buenos Aires house.

Some big-name British stars also wore the St George colors: former Tottenham ace Alf Stokes, ex-Celtic and Scotland goalie Frank Haffey, then David Cliss and Rogery Hillary from the "Chelsea Chicks" brigade, the goal-strong George Yardley and the versatile Bobby Hogg, not to mention guest stars Francis Lee, Charlie George, Ray Clemence and Ralph Coates.

Yugoslavia has been another rich source of playing talent for the Saints: first Peter Banicevic and Miladen Krgin, then Doug Utjesenovic (via Melbourne), Les Lorincz and now the veteran striker Dez Marton.

Just for the record, the list of nationalities that have provided players to St George's first teams:

Australia, Hungary, Ireland, Scotland, Ireland, Yugoslavia, Argentina, Paraguay, Holland, Portugal, Spain, Germany, Austria, Greece, Russia, Italy and Egypt.



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Duncan Cummings returns

Duncan Cummings has resolved his differences with South Melbourne Hellas and will make his return to State League on Saturday against Mike Lynn's Polonia at Middle Park.

Another Hellas dissident, Tony Owen, trained with the club two weeks ago and coach Jim Armstrong is confident that Owen soon will be back in action. If so, it will be a great boost for Armstrong and his young charges. Although young, Owen is a superb one touch player. His midfield ability added to Cummings' return up front, could be just the tonic needed to lift the struggling Hellas from off the foot of the State League ladder.

The biggest problem facing Hellas on Saturday (no pun intended) is Polonia striker Alex Marshall. This gentle giant can turn a game in an instant. His ability to cruise past two or three defenders when least expected is the strength of Polonia's attack. Marshall can be out of the game for long periods. Suddenly, he'll set sail for goal and in a flash he's broken through. He's unpredictable, enigmatic, and so often a match winner. Stop Marshall and Hellas will go a long way toward winning a point here.

Albion Rovers, Ringwood Wilhelmina, Sunshine-George Cross and Hellas already seem almost certain to fight out the relegation battle. Of this quartet, the combine seems best off in terms of playing quality and depth and I expect it to start picking up points consistently.

Sunshine-George Cross can win its second league game of the season when it takes on Nick van Edmond's struggling Ringwood Wilhelmina at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday.

Combine striker Mick McGorran's favorite pastime seems to be collecting yellow cards. His presence alongside

Carl Gilder up front is vital to the combine's striking capability and it will be this paid which will carry the hopes of the fanatic Maltese supporters thirsting for a win.

Who would have thought at the start of the year that a game between Juventus and Northcote would be one of the clashes of the round in State League? Not this writer, I assure you.

Nevertheless, Juventus, defending its top of the table status, faces a tough struggle on Sunday at Olympic Park against Northcote, which rightfully lays claim to being the most improved side in the league. Most Northcote officials and supporters scowl when reminded about the 1982 season. Talk about the new players brought to the club this year by new coach Tony Vrzina and the recent good results against competent State League opponents and furrowed brows disappear.

Northcote, though, must not become complacent. It still has a way to go before establishing itself as a State League force but it's getting there, which can only be a great thing for Victorian soccer when you consider the crowd pulling potential of this Greek sponsored outfit. I still expect Juventus to beat Northcote but there should be little in it.

If Morwell Falcons can't beat Box Hill, and I don't think they can, I expect big changes at the once progressive Latrobe Valley club. The Hillmen are well drilled and spirited, qualities which Falcons lack. I'll stick my neck out and tip a Box Hill victory. The Wembley Park outfit will be without youngsters Dave Azzopardi and Alan Roodhouse, both off



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to the national titles with the Victorian youth team. However, Scottish striker Alan McKenna, winger Brian Keenan and rugged full back Kyle Patterson all should be available for senior selection.

Championship contenders, Green Gully Ajax and Melbourne Croatia, could stumble on Sunday and may have to be content with splitting the points in their away games against Croydon and Fawkner respectively.

Croydon impressed me last weekend against Croatia and with Joe Sweeney providing and excellent target for the distribution and vision of Paul Wade and Jim Rooney in midfield, the well drilled Ajax back four will find itself pressured for long periods of this clash. I don't think that the

narrow confines of Croydon Park will suit the visitors, nevertheless, Ajax has too much class for me to tip it to go under.

Croatia faces a danger game against Fawkner at Smith Reserve. This game undoubtedly will provide the biggest crowd of the round and both outfits should respond to what should be a charged atmosphere. I'm looking forward to an end-to-end exciting tussle here. Fawkner coach Cedo Ciricovic used markers for Polonia's Alex Marshall and Janusz Przybyla last week so he'll use a similar play against Tommy Cumming and either Ossie Latif or Dave Brogan. Then again, Croatia coach John Gardiner may decide to use tall Richie McClune to partner Cumming up front. McClune, signed this year from Morwell Falcons, has scored 10 goals in the past three reserve games and is

staking a strong claim for senior selection.

Albion Rovers are going to struggle all season long. There's nothing surer, and the best Hugh Murney's lads can hope for against Doveton at Selwyn Park on Saturday, is a draw. Frank Macleod has been a key figure at the back for Albion. His absence, due to suspension, is a stiff blow to Rovers' chances here.

This weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY

Albion Rovers V DOVETON at Selwyn Park, 2.45 p.m.
S.M. Hellas V Polonia (draw) at Middle Park, 2.45 p.m.

Morwell Falcons V BOX HILL at North Criggin Reserve, 2.45 p.m.

SUNDAY

Juventus V Northcote at Olympic Park No. 2, 3 p.m.

Sunshine-George Cross V Ringwood Wilhelmina at Chaplin Reserve, 3 p.m.

Croydon V Green Gully Ajax (draw), at Croydon Park, 3 p.m.
Fawkner V Melbourne Croatia (draw) at Smith Reserve, 3 p.m.

TSETSOS SUPERB!

NORTHCOTE 3 (Tsetsos 50th, 89th, Sahinidis 77th)
MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Evans 70th) at John Cain Reserve, Sunday.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 7, Wilson 7, Creamy 7, Boathin 7, Gorman 8, Gidley 9, Moore 9, Wright 7, Sahinidis 7, Tsetsos 9, Culina 8. **Coach:** Tony Vrzina.
MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 6, Derby 4, Irvine 5, Higham 5, Train 7, Bingham 6, MacLennan 7, O'Callaghan 6, T. van Beur 5, Young 6th, Evans 5, McGuinness 4. **Coach:** Tony Bogg.

Northcote deservedly won this

match with a fine display of skillful soccer, highlighted by the efforts of midfielders Colin Quigley and Steve Moore, and the off-the-half running of striker Spiro Tsetsos, who continually created space for himself and troubled Falcons all day.

Sadly, for a club with great ambitions, Morwell is not a patch on last year's side which finished in the top four and got to the final of the State League Cup. Gone is the flair and enthusiasm which characterised the 1982 Falcons.

The lack of spirit in the present outfit is painfully apparent. Symptomatic of the current unrest is the recent transfer request from former Croatia and Ajax full back Grant Smart. Other transfer requests have been rejected by the Morwell committee. Still others are being contemplated by certain players who are deeply unhappy.

They broke the deadlock in the 50th minute. A superb cross from Jim Sahinidis

deflected by Whiteside to Sahinidis who made no mistake from close range.

Northcote emphasised its dominance in the 89th minute. Left Gorman's cross from the left eluded everyone and fell to Culina whose chip back across goal was met by Tsetsos and headed firmly into the top right hand corner to make it 3-1.

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Ajax V S.G. Cross: 3 Vassallo (A); 2 Short (A); 1 Smallman (A).

Northcote V Morwell: 3 Tsetsos (N); 2 Quigley (N); 1 Moore (N).

Box Hill V Albion: 3 Hughes (BH); 2 I. Roodhouse (BH); 1 McDonald (BH).

Doveton V S.M. Hellas: 3 Webster (D); 2 Kalifatidis (SMH); 1 Keogh (D).

Polonia V Fawkner: 3 Liparski (P); 2 Palinkas (P); 1 Marshall (P).

Croatia V Croydon: 3 McCombe (C); 2 Parton (C); 1 Wade (C).

Wilhelmina V Juventus: 3 G. Buean (J); Drinczyk (J); 1 Hird (J).

Progressive votes: 13 — Moore (Northcote), 12 — Tuffield (Fawkner), 11 — Macleod (Albion), 9 — Denvis (Ajax), 8 — Mila (Polonia).

Leading scorers: 7 — Cumming, Latif (Croatia) — Smallman (Ajax), 5 — Marshall, Przybyla (Polonia) Nolan (Croydon)

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Croydon.....	4	2	3	13	11	10
Box Hill.....	4	2	3	12	10	10
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Wilhelmina.....	1	1	7	5	18	3
Hellas.....	0	2	7	11	22	2

NEAR RIOT AT GULLY

GREEN GULLY AJAX 2 (Smallman 20th, penalty 37th)
SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 0
at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Dony 7, Peter Lewis 8, Short 8, Cannell 8, Hobson 7, Vassallo 9, Smallman 8, Doyle 8, Williams 7, Tool 8 (in), Mancinelli H.T. 7, Paul Lewis 7. **Coach:** Len McNamara.
SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Tachiris 6, McKelvey 7, Richardson 5, Scott 7, Taylor 8, Stevenson 7, Bennett 7, Bain 6 — McGorran 7, Pate 6, Gilder 7. **Coach:** Tommy Strayhorn.

As players, bruised and battle weary, returned to their dressing rooms at half time, Sunshine-George Cross supporters staged a violent demonstration against the referee, forcing him to send a message to the on-duty sergeant of police, via Ajax team manager Mario Borg, asking for police reinforcements before he would allow the second half to get under way.

The half time break was extended by over 15 minutes but the arrival of 10 extra police quickly quelled the ire of the combine fans, enabling the game to restart.

The first half of this Maltese derby had been a torrid affair, especially for Ajax striker Bobby Tool, once a favorite of George Cross supporters until transferring to Maltese rival Ajax earlier this year for \$4,500. Tool was the subject of some fierce physical challenges dealt out by the combine defence, so much so that he couldn't re-appear after the extended half-time interval. Curiously enough, Ajax treasurer Arnold Langer was approached by a George Cross fan on the day before this derby and offered a \$100 bet that Tool wouldn't be playing

in the second half. Langer declined offer, with hindsight a wise decision.

For the first time since its outstanding Ampol Cup triumph this year, State League champion Ajax was able to field its strongest side. Willie Vassallo had a fine game in midfield, constantly engineering forward thrusts. Vassallo was unlucky not to put Ajax 3-0 up in the 40th minute when his shot from about 12 metres struck the upright.

"Rocky" Tachiris was back in goal for the combine, his first State League game this year since sorting out his registration wrangle with Northcote.

Ajax hit the front after 20 minutes. Stuart Cannell headed to David Smallman from a Jim Williams corner and the former Welsh international slammed the ball home from two metres out.

A few minutes later combine fans were incensed when play was waved on after Mick McGorran was challenged by Dave Hobson. Their anger was heightened by a penalty awarded to Ajax in the 37th minute after Paul Lewis was brought down inside the Sunshine-George Cross area. Smallman converted from the spot to make it 2-0.

The second half was a tame affair in comparison with the first stanza. The combine certainly is improving but it found the well drilled Ajax defence a constant stumbling block. Young Fab Mancinelli, who replaced Tool during the interval, did well in the second half, twice setting up chances for Paul Lewis but last year's leading State League scorer was unable to finish.

Irvine blows chance to shatter the stalemate

MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 CROYDON 0 at Olympic Park No. 1, Sunday.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 8 — Curcio 7, Parton 8, Adams 7, Bilaver 6 — Blasik 7 (McClune 7th), Fawkner 7, Antolovic 7, Gidley 6 — Latif 6 (Brogan 6th), Cumming 7. **Coach:** John Gardiner.
CROYDON: Kestner 7 — Rainey 7, McCormack 7, Brogan 7, Hobson 7 — P. Loughnane 8, Nolan 8, Rooney 7, Wade 8 — Irvine 7 (L. Loughnane 8th), Sweeney 7. **Coach:** Bill MacKinnon.

The longer this game dragged on the more it seemed that a single goal would prove decisive. Croydon have struck that all important blow in the 70th minute.

Steve Irvine pressured the last Croatia defender, won the ball but had his shot from eight metres smothered superbly by Peter Blasby. The ball rebounded to Paul Wade on the left. His far post chip was headed down by Peter Loughnane to Irvine who again had to watch in dismay as yet another Blasby smothered denied him, this time Irvine shooting from about six metres out.

Those two chances were gilt edged. Sure, both sides created chances but the Irvine ones were clearly the best of the game. They should have been converted. Then again, had Croydon won 1-0, Croatia would have been a bit hard done by.

Hobson to the cleaners for the opening 20 minutes. Blasby wasn't as prominent in the second half, to Hobson's credit. At the other end of the park, Ante Bilaver was taunted, teased and finally trounced by Peter Loughnane who often beat Bilaver by cutting inside, exposing Bilaver's inability to turn quickly.

I'm not going to log the missed chances with times and culprits. Let's use this match report space for a little good natured fun.

There are a couple of things I'd like to point out to the ground announcer. His choice of pre-match music was rather baffling. My sense of the ridiculous was heightened as I sat in the cold concrete bunker which Olympic Park's board of management calls a press box, listening to the number one song on the anglo-saxon imperialist hit parade, "Rule Britannia", thinking of the import of this anachronistic propaganda on the predominantly Croatian fans in the grandstand. Hmmm. There was more, much more.

the field and were announced to the crowd with both christianity and soccer given. Now came the hard part. Croydon ran onto the pitch. Lou Kestner, right, Mike Rainey, Steve McCombe, fine, then came Brown, Hobson, Jimmy Rooney was next. Even Jack Hamilton knows him. Paul Wade was fine. Then came Nolan, Irvine and Sweeney. Last was Peter Loughnane. For the ground announcer's edification here are the full names (i.e. christian names attached) of Croydon's "weird" bunch:

GARY Hobson, MARK Brown, TERRY Nolan, JOE Sweeney and STEVE Irvine. All honest to goodness anglo-saxon stuff, so easy, surely, to commit to memory.

Finally, came the announcement that Dundee United had won the Scottish Premier League championship by beating local rival Dundee 2-1 in its last match of the season. "The scorer of the winning goal is a player well known to Victorian soccer fans — Eamonn Anderson who scored twice."

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LA JUVENTUS SOLA AL COMANDO OTTIMO IL FAWKNER, DELUDE IL MORWELL

La nona giornata del campionato di Lega Statale del Victoria ha visto il concretizzarsi delle indicazioni che erano affiorate nelle ultime settimane, con la Juventus rimasta sola al comando della classifica, il meritorio paraggio del Fawkner sul difficile campo del Polnis e un'altra pesante sconfitta del Morwell, anche questa volta da un avversario di massimo rispetto, il Northcote.

La vittoria della Juventus sul modesto Ringwood non era affatto scontata alla vigilia, sia perché gli abruzzesi avevano in Nick Van Egmond, l'allenatore subentrato a De Bruckiere, la classica "scoperta" che rende meglio, sia soprattutto perché le file juventine erano pericolosamente assottigliate a causa di infortuni, sospensioni e partenze. E dei dieci titolari rimasti almeno Rogers non avrebbe dovuto giocare perché sofferente per una dolorosa condizione schienale che si è aggravata durante la partita e che lo mette seriamente in dubbio per la prossima settimana.

Margaritis ha dovuto perciò "rimangiarsi" la promessa di non utilizzare Incantalupo alla vigilia della sua partenza per il Messico ed ha promesso dalle riserve Geremia, per altro già ampiamente provato l'anno scorso con ottimi risultati, e Mitrovic. L'assenza di Pat Bannan e la condizione fisica di Rogers costringevano il tecnico bianconero a schierare Swinscoe nell'insolita posizione di libero, con Lloyd a centrocampo.

Questa "inedita difesa" accusava degli scompensi e almeno due volte nel primo tempo lasciava buchi paurosi. Thom sparava fuori di poco e Burton vedeva il suo tiro da distanza ravvicinata parato da Clayton con un portentoso tuffo. Dall'altro lato Nelson e French non riuscivano a ingranare e il solo Incantalupo preoccupava la attentissima difesa olandese guidata da Brooks, anche se in due sporadici affondò sia Nelson che Lloyd colpivano la traversa.

Nella ripresa Geremia prendeva il posto di Incantalupo nella squadra, schierandosi in difesa a marcare Cork, con Hird e Drinovsky che si alternavano nella posizione di estremo difensore.

Questo permetteva a Swinscoe di avanzare al centrocampo al quale dava

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una completa nuova fisionomia, affiancandosi brillantemente ad un superlativo Ged Bannan. Lloyd avanzava in attacco che con lui acquistava più incisività e, meglio riforniti, sia Nelson che French crescevano anche di tono.

Le due reti messe a segno non sono state niente di speciale: la prima su rigore per ostacolo a French, trasformato da Rogers, e il secondo risultante da un errore difensivo che regalava una palla d'oro a Nelson, solo in posizione centrale appena fuori l'area. Il ragazzo, con molta freddezza, indugiava abbastanza per fare uscire il portiere avversario, quindi lo aggirava agevolmente e insaccava. Il dominio della Juventus nel secondo tempo meritava una

segnatura più vistosa ma French colpiva la traversa con un tiro spettacolare che aveva già fatto gridare al goal e Nelson e Lloyd mancavano alcune altre buone occasioni per poco.

Oltre alla magnifica prova di Ged Bannan, e degli altri difensori, da segnalare il ritorno di Hird al meglio delle sue possibilità. Con Incantalupo ormai in Messico, Rogers in dubbio a causa della sua schiena malandata, anche se rientreranno Pat Bannan che non ha ricevuto ulteriore squalifica dopo la settimana automatica per espulsione contro il Green Gully, e Zinni ristabilibili dopo l'incidente subito nella stessa partita, la Juventus deve fare qualcosa immediatamente per rinforzare i suoi ranghi, specialmente l'attacco, perché i

prossimi due impegni contro Northcote e Box Hill saranno molto più impegnativi di quello di domenica scorsa contro il Ringwood.

FAWKNER MATTIA DI GIGANTI

Il Fawkner, che sembra giochi molto meglio contro avversari blasonati, ha condotto a termine un'altra grande impresa cogliendo un punto prezioso in trasferta contro quel Polnis che aveva battuto Morwell (prima che i Falcons entrassero in serie negativa) e la stessa Juventus. L'incontro si presentava ancora più difficile per la rivalità dell'ex allenatore del Fawkner, ora alla guida del Polnis, Mike Lyons. I lanciatissimi polacchi sono stati fermati sullo zero a zero dalla tattica accorta di Kirkovic e dalla generosa pre-

stazione dei "giovani leoni" azzurri che sono riusciti a neutralizzare le pericolose punte Marshall e Pryzbila e a farla in barba al miglior libero del Victoria, Mita, andando vicino anche alla marcatura in un paio di occasioni.

Questo ottimo ritorno di forma e di temperamento del Fawkner ha ben sperare per domenica quando ospiterà a Jukes Road il pericoloso Croatia. Non ci sarebbe da sorprendersi se gli azzurri riuscissero a impattare per la quarta volta contro una delle massime squadre del torneo, poiché consideriamo Kondarios, Fattare e Terzini capaci di domare le macchine di Cumming e Latif. E se il Croatia si scoprirà troppo alla ricerca del goal, non c'è da escludere che Cozzella, Tuffolo o il sornione Palinkas riescano a infliggere a "Sara" indubbiamente una partita interessantissima che il Croatia semmai potrà considerare vinta solo al fischio finale e non certo in fase di pronostico né in qualsiasi momento della partita. Intanto la marcia del Fawkner verso il quarto posto si sta rendendo sempre dell'ostacolo Croatia la renderebbe quasi scontata.

Due ditte che possono essere giustamente orgogliose dell'ottimo comportamento dei ragazzi di Kirkovic sono la "Schipano Home Furniture" dei fratelli Pat e Domenico Schipano, che ha i suoi grandi magazzini a Thomastown e Moonee Ponds, e della Fioriente Imports, dei fratelli Peter e Frank Di Cosmo, importatori di pregiate mattonelle di ceramica e con sede in Lygon Street, East Brunswick. Le due coppie degli sportivi-simili fratelli hanno recentemente firmato accordi con i principali club del calcio facendo affluire nelle casse del Fawkner la bella cifra di \$25,000 che, fra l'altro, ha reso più facile i recenti acquisti di Kondarios e Cozzella. Il loro

esempio dovrebbe essere seguito da tanti industriali italiani di Melbourne, che continuano ad ignorare lo sport come fonte di ottima pubblicità e che come una responsabilità morale per coloro che dalla comunità hanno derivato ricchezza e posizione sociale.

MORWELL GIU' DI CORDA

Come facevamo notare la settimana scorsa, la facile vittoria contro il modesto Ringwood non risolveva di colpo tutti i problemi del Morwell. Domenica scorsa i Falcons sono stati severamente battuti da un Northcote molto consistente.

I problemi del Morwell, oltre ad una difesa non proprio brillante, nonostante gli ottimi Whiteside e Irvine, potrebbero essere individuati con una sola parola: cuore. Appare evidente infatti che la maggior parte dei pezzi da quaranta messi assieme da Boggi quest'anno (gente come McGuinness, Evans, Young che sono da considerare fra i migliori giocatori del campionato) non hanno quella spinta morale per rendere al loro meglio.

Puskas, Wright

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Challenges

Bob Paisley, the Liverpool supreme, is due to retire at the end of the season, says that looking ahead he sees Manchester United as Liverpool's biggest challenger next season, followed by Tottenham Hotspur.

Roma fans celebrate

Rome was awash in yellow and red as the Italian soccer season finished and the capital's fans celebrated Roma's first league title triumph in 41 years.

The packed Olympic Stadium went delirious as Roma, which clinched the championship last week, beat Torino 3-1 with goals from Roberto Pruzzo, from the penalty spot, Brazilian star Falcao and world cup hero Bruno Conti.

Soccer authorities waived their usual ban on live coverage of league games, and a huge television screen was set up in the Piazza Del Popolo in Rome's city centre.

European cup hopefuls Juventus, who meet Hamburg of West Germany in the final in Athens on May 25, beat Genoa 4-2 to finish second, one point behind the new champions.

Frenchman Michel Platini scored twice to finish the season as the first division's top scorers with 18 goals.

Bells rang out across Rome and Vatican Radio joined in the Euphoria, broadcasting some of the Pope's thoughts on sport.

"Italy are the world champions and Roma are champions of Italy, the best of the best," proclaimed one fan dancing down the street with the "Giallorossi" (yellow-red) colours draped across his shoulders.

The city has been working itself into a fever since Roma took an unassailable lead over Juventus with a draw at Genoa last week.

Improvvised red and yellow bunting adorns streets where the official names are covered with cardboard signs reading "Via Paolo Roberto Falcao" and "Piazza Bruno Conti", while street sellers are doing a roaring trade in badges, hats, flags, banners and assorted Roma paraphernalia.

The church railings and the trees on one suburban street are painted in red and yellow stripes, while balconies and window ledges are festooned with flags, scarves, sheets, shirts, socks - everything and anything in the appropriate colours.

In the Borgo quarter near the Vatican, fans kneel to kiss a huge image of Falcao painted on the road.

One group of fans took a lead from Chinese new year dragons and staged a battle between a huge wolf, symbol of Rome, and a zebra with the black and white stripes of Juventus.

Weekend results:

Ascoli 2 Cagliari 0, Catanzaro 1 Inter 2, Juventus 4 Genoa 2, Napoli 1 Cosenza 0, Pisa 0 Fiorentina 0, Roma 3 Torino 1, Sampdoria 2 Verona 2, Udinese 1 Avellino 1.

Final league standings:

Team	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Roma	10	11	3	47	24	43
Juventus	15	10	5	52	27	40
Inter Milan	11	15	4	41	25	37
Torino	11	13	6	37	31	35
Fiorina	12	10	8	28	25	34
Udinese	8	20	4	25	29	34
Sampdoria	8	15	7	21	30	31
Torino	9	12	8	28	30	30
Avellino	8	12	10	25	34	29
Napoli	7	14	9	22	29	28
Fiorentina	8	11	11	27	27	27
Genoa	8	15	9	34	30	27
Ascoli	8	9	12	32	37	27
Cagliari	8	16	13	33	38	26
Catanzaro	4	12	16	26	32	22
Cagliari	2	9	21	21	58	13

Cagliari, Cosenza and Catanzaro relegated.

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JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

DVA DERBIJA BEZ GOLOVA

Dva lokalna derbija Nacionalne lige u Melbourne razacrala su brojne gledaoce, koji nisu videli nijedan gol za 180 minuta igre. Neoporno, više je vatre i uzbuđenja bilo na igralistu JUST-a, gde je Heidelberg dva puta pogodio prečku, JUST jedanput, dok je Vlatko Belic izbio loptu sa gol crte. Sto nije postigao makar jedan gol nisu krive samo prečke već i sudija Sam Zoumas, koji je tesko ostetio "plave" u 85. minuti, kada je zatajila njegova pistaljka iako je penal bio "čist kao suza".

Neoporno Alexander je imao više od igre, ali po samama JUST je bio blizi pobeđi. "Plavi" prebrodili krizu, koja je nastala zbog naglih i velikih promena u igračkom kadru. Potrebno je još malo vremena da se ova ekipa međusobno bolje upozna i uigra, pa ce biti više sreće i zadovoljstva u "plavom" taboru.

Utakmica između Helasa i Makedonije bila je manje uzbuđujuća, jer su obe odbrane bile na visini zadatka. Ipak, po igri u drugom poluvremenu Helas je bio blizi pobeđi. Međutim, prave sance nije stvorio ni jedan tim, iako je Helasov strijelac Charlie Egan bio najbolji igrač ove utakmice.

Za Makedoniju je opet bio najbolji Zarko Odrakov, ma da je dobio žuti karton, koji sudiji otklo dele, često po simpatijama ili održanju autoriteta. Zaboravljaju da je najbolji onaj sudija koji se najmanje cuje i vidi. Česti zvižduci stvaraju nervozu i incidente, koji uticu na tok igre.

U nedelju 22. maja JUST igra u Sidneju protiv St. Georga. Igrači JUST-a najviše vole utakmice u Sidneju, jer tvrde da u tome gradu imaju najbolje navijače, koje ne bi izneverili po cenu života. Zbog toga u Sidneju postizu najbolje rezultate.

Makedonija dočekuje na svom igralistu, gde je nepobediva ove sezone, Sydney City. Očekuje se nova pobeđa "crveno-belih" i povratak na prvo mesto, koje je repuseno Newcastleu, najvećem iznenađenju ove sezone.

CROATIA ZASTAJE

Posle 9. kola Juventus je postao lider Državne lige, dok Croatia i Ajaksu zastaje dah. Croatia je neo-

cekivano ostavila bod u Croydonu, dok je Fawcner zastavio ambiciozno Poloniju, koja takođe najavljuje preporod. Croatia može doživeti još jedno neugodno iznenađenje iduće nedelje u Fawcneru. Neće biti lako ni Juventus protiv Northcote Citya, niti Green Gully u Croydonu.

PRVA DIVIZIJA

Vasica RICHMOND je pobeđio ALTONU GATE/VARDAR sa 2:0 (1:0), što je donelo rođadu na zaceluju table prve divizije. Richmond je ustupio poslednje mesto Vardaru, kome predstoji teska borba za opstanak. Mendo Ristovski je igrao drugo poluvreme, ali nije bio ni senka onog Mende, koji je pre 4 godine spustio na kolena škopskog Vardara na Middle Parku. Dragan Vasic je postigao oba gola za Richmond. Pored ova dva gola, Richmond nije iskoristio jedan jedanaesterac. Iduće nedelje Altona Gate/Vardar je domaćin Werribee-u, koji se takođe bori za opstanak, dok Richmond gostuje u subotu u Geelongu, gde igra protiv Bell Parka.

VELIKA IGRA DRUGOG TIMA JUST-A

DRUGI TIM JUST-A — ARDEER 5:0 (3:0). Seriju golova otvorio je Jorgo Gagic u 21. minutu, a posle njega upisali su se i strelci: Cane Veleviski, 2, Lube Tavevski (direktno iz kornera) i Jim Fernandez (iz jedanaesterca) po jedanput. Ardeer je uspeo pozitivnom igrom da spreči dvostrani poraz, što bi bio sasvim realan rezultat. Sastav JUST-a: Hrehoresin, P. Krlinc (Bibovic od 76. minuta), Oblak, Tavevski, Smurgeski, Petrov, Fernandez (V. Stojicevski od 76. minuta), Rejordan sa 2:1 (1:0). Oba gola postigao je Emil Petrov. Sa ovom pobedom "plavi" su se popeli sa desetog na sedmo mesto druge divizije.

DRUGI TIM MAKEDONIJE — DRUGI TIM ALEKSANDRA 1:2 (1:1). Jedini gol za Makedoniju postigao je direktno iz kornera niskom loptom Isaac Farrell. U drugom poluvremenu John Little je prebacio prečku sa 5 metara, isto tako i Boge Karevski, dok su gosti iskoristili sve što su mogli i odneli oba boda, što im je pomoglo da izjube na celo tabelu, posto je Vojtekov St. Albans neočekivano izgubio u.

PRAGRAN/SLAVIJA — RINGWOOD/SRBIA 1:3.

Laka pobeđa protiv poslednjeg na tabeli. Strelci: Tim Masters, Jim Wyllie i George Gillan. Rezerva je pobeđila sa 4:2.

U subotu 21. maja Ringwood/Srbija i drugi tim Makedonije igrali su Quambec Reserve, Wonga Road u North Ringwoodu, dok je Drugi tim JUST-gost Waverley City-a Gardiners Creek Reserve, Evans Street u East Burwoodu.

PRVA PROVIZIONALNA DIVIZIJA

SHEPPARTON CITY — HAWKSBERN 3:3 (0:1). Posle dve slabe utakmice, Hawksburn je ponovo pružio dobru igru, cak je nadigrao domaćina, ali je morao da se zadovolji sa jednim bodom zbog pristrasnog sudija. Pored toga što nije priznao najlepší gol ove utakmice, koji je postigao Steve Bleskanj sa 25 metara (lopta se odbila od gvozdenog stangle u mreži), produžio je utakmicu citavih 9 minuta, dok Shepparton City nije izjednačio. Strelci: Steve Dereak, Edi Bacelic i Andras Kazi iz jedanaesteraca. Najbolji igrači: Steve Bleskanj, Joe Sabo i Steve Dereak, dok je golam Tibor Mistic, junak mnogih utakmica, imao slab dan. Rezerve su igrala nereseno 1:1 (0:1). Strelac Istvan Laslo. Najbolji igrači: Sandor Kazi, George Antal i Vlado Jorgos. U subotu 21. maja Hawksburn ugostuje uvek nezgodnog Langwarrina.

LALOR/SLOGA — CARLTON/MLADOST 4:3 (1:3). Zbog nedosata kondicije, ali i jakog vetra Mladost je izgubila oba boda iako je vodila sa 3:1. Strelci za Mladost: Boris Brinovski, Pande Capaculovski i Cane Trajkovski iz slobodnog udarca. Rezerva: Sloga — Mladost 2:1 (0:1). Strelac Miroslub Bubulj. U subotu 21. maja Mladost je domaćin East Brunswicku, ali posto nema svoje igraliste, bice gost na Balfe Parku, John Street u East Brunswicku. Lalor/Sloga odlazi u Chelsea.

UMALO IZNENAĐENJE U TREĆOJ DIVIZIJI

WEST MELBOURNE — BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO 2:3 (1:0). Da nije usao u igru rezervni igrač Predrag Cvek i da bi bilo iznenađenje, Bratstvo/Jedinstvo je moglo da doživi prvi poraz u prvenstvu protiv poslednjeg na tabeli. Cvek je postigao gol u 63. minuti, a posle njega došli

su do izražaja iskusni strelci Milenko Culibrk u 71. i Milan Stojilovic u 74. minutu. Najbolji igrači: Milan Stojilovic, Marjan Basic i Zdravko Dabic. Rezerva je pobeđila sa 7:0 (3:0). Strelci: Joe Francisti 4. Predrag Cvek, Vlastimir Dimic i Nebojsa Dragolevic po jedan. Nebojsa Dragolevic je prvi put igrao posle operacije kolena. U subotu 21. maja Bratstvo/Jedinstvo je domaćin Mitchamu.

PASCOE VALE/PELISTER — WEST GEE- LONG/MAKEDONIA 1:0 (1:0). Utakmica je bila rešena u 1. minutu kada je Tony Centarino postigao jedini gol. Istina, Pelister je i dalje dominirao igrom, ali nije mogao da razbije upornu odbranu Makedonije. Ipak sudija je morao jednom prilikom da pokaze na pelu tacu u kaznenom prostoru Makedonije, što nije uradio. Rezerva je pobeđila sa 3:1 (0:0). Strelci: Cane Angelovski, Tony Kaparanovski i Venco Colakovski. U subotu 21. maja Pelister je gost Brunsuick Citya.

ALTONA UTD./VOJVODINA — UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE 2:1 (2:0). Dobar rezultat, jer je Vojvodina nastupila bez 6 prvotimaca, a iduce subote ce biti jos teze, jer se zene Aleks Micevski i Vasilav Pitra. Pomagao je povratku Velje Dupora, koji je odlazio kaznu. Strelci: Steve Vunja iz kornera i Cvetan Simonovski. Najbolji igrači: Veljko Dupor, Cvetan Simonovski i Paul Galic. Rezerva je izgubila od 0:5 (0:1). U subotu 21. maja Vojvodina je gost Burtleya.

PRVA POBEDA PLAVOG DUNAVA

PARKMORE/PLAVI DUNAV — SEAFORD 3:1 (3:0). Strelci: Mihaj Djarnati 21 Feri Ceh. Posle neuspešnih kola, Plavi Dunav je zabeležio prvu pobeđu u prvenstvu protiv visokoplasiranog Seaforda. Promena je donela izmena trenera i povratka Joe Bira iz Hawksburna, koji od utornika preuzima trenersku dužnost. Najbolji igrači: Mihaj Djarnati, Antal Ambroz i Tony Basa. U subotu 21. maja Plavi Dunav je gost Batmana.

INDUSTRIJSKO PRVENSTVO

TAK SKOBI 4:3 (1:2). Tri puta je protivnik vodio, ali su veterani uspeali da izjednače u zadnjem minutu postizu pobeđeni gol. Strelci: Chris Ferguson i Nisa Ristic po 2 gola. Najbolji igrači: Mendo Veleviski, Nikola Ilic i Steven Kosovac. U nedelju 22. maja Taras je gost Leco Holdinga na Hansen Reserve u West Footscrayu, My 41 G.S. Pocetak u 10 pre podne. Amatersko prvenstvo se nastavlja u nedelju 22. maja. Crvena zvezda je gost Albanian Eagles na Melvor Reserve, Francis Street, Yarraville, My 41 G.10, a Bosna igra protiv Westmeadows na igralistu Westmeadows Primary School, Erimbank Cres, My 6.5. Oba tima su neporazena. Westmeadows je napao prvi poraz Crvenoj zvezdi za 15 meseci.

JUNIORSKI KUPOVI

Sva tri tima JUST-a, koji su igrali u nedelju 15. maja plasirali su u drugo kolo juniorskih kupova.

Ispod 11 godina: JUST — Lyndale 7:1 (3:1). Strelci: Robert Tripunovski 3, Steve Mernik, Roy Taleviski, Miro Samanovic i Damir Gnjidje po 1.

Ispod 15 godina: Knox City — JUST 3:4 u produžetku igre, posto se u regularnom vremenu završila utakmica nereseno 2:2. Strelci: Igor Lopatic 2, Tony Zenovski i John Anastasiadis.

Ispod 18 godina: JUST — Holland Park 4:2 (4:1). Strelci: Zoran Vajinic, Steven Hatzopoulos, Janos Volk i Peter Costadinidis.

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Other players who may be tried on the right are Ilioski, Gomez, Christopoulos, Peter Katholos and Phil O'Connor who also plays on the left.

With Henderson left out, the sweeper's position is being contested by Yankos, David Ratcliffe and perhaps Arno Bertogna who however, would be better suited as stopper.

Players contesting the other positions: STOPPER: Steve O'Connor, Mike O'Shea, Bertogna, and Blair if he hasn't been excluded permanently.

FULL BACK: Perry, Mike O'Shea, Graham Jennings and perhaps Russell.

CENTRAL MIDFIELD: Christopoulos, Stone, Katholos, Ilioski, Gomez.

Arak probably will use a sweeper behind two stoppers who will mark England's two strikers.

A good central defensive trio would be: Yankos as sweeper and Bertogna and either Blair or Steve O'Connor as stoppers.

Australia's three games against England will be in Sydney on June 12, Brisbane on June 15 and Melbourne on June 19.

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Metá kai tñn isopallia pou éterre η "Ελλάς μέσος καί τñν γηπέδo τñς μέ τñν Πρoστoν, φάνηκε καθαρo ότι άν συνεχίσει νά χάνει βαθμούς, σντομα βά χάνει καί οί ελπίδoυς. Κάτι πρέπει νά γννει πριν είναι άργά γιά έλους καί τόν προπονητή καί τούς παρoά- ντες.

"Η υπομονή άρχισε νά μñν έχει πoλλά περιθώρια καί o προπονητής έπoίτσι βά πρέπει νά βάλει στόν πάγκο η καί νά τούς στείλει στήν όμωδα τού Στέητ Άλφιν μερινόος τευπέληδες παίκτης.

"Ο Γοβντιν άρκετά έχει παλαιωθήσει τόν κυανόλευκο σάλλο καί τέρα ίσως πολλοί βά κατάλαβαν ότι o Ντoχερτυ είχε δίκιο τού τόν είχε άγνοήσει.

Metá δέν μποροεί νά καταλάβουμε τñν έ- πιμονή τού τεχνικού μέ τόν Μκρoνoν πού βρίομεται κάθε άλλο παρά σέ φόρμα.

"Αν καί o δoο ατόο παίκτης έτρεχαν μέ όρεξη έστω καί τñν μισή από αúτñ τού o- πέροχου "Ηγκαν, τότε η "Ελλάς βά είχε σι μενέσει τούλάχιστο τρία τέματα.

Δέν έχουμε πρόθεση νά έφουμε άνωμαλία στήν "Ελλάς άλλα όντε έχουμε καί πρόθε- σι νά μñ γράφουμε τñν άλήθεια τñν όποια στό κάτo — κάτo τñν έλπουν καί oί φίλα θλοι μέσος στό γήπεδο.

Είναι καιρός πλέον νά παρoούν μέτρα.

NEA ENITHTIA TOY ΜΑΔΕΡΝ ΣΠΟΥ

Τo πρωτοπόρο στήν Β' τού Προβλίζιαλ Μά- βερν Σίτυ νίκησε καί τού Ντάντενογκ 4-1 καί είναι τó παρoίρ όπως φαίνεται στήν κατηγορία γιά τñν κατάκτηση τού τίτλου. "Αν καί δέχθηκε γκολ στό 15' στήν συνέ- χεια ίσοφάρισε στό 54' μέ τόν Κυριαζόκoυ

Στό 70' o Τσώος πήρε κόκκινη κάρτα άλλα από τό 75' καί μετά τό Μάβερν δέν πιανó- ταν.

Στό 76' o Λιχοόδης έκανε τό 2-1 καί άκο λούθησαν δύο άκόμη τέματα μέ τούς Κυρια ζόκoυλο καί Δεληγιάννη.

"Επαιξαν oί Μάνu, Παπαδόπουλος, Τσώος, Σα μερβιλ (20' Μενόδης), Βάρσας, Δεληγιάννης, Κυριαζόπουλος, Τζαμζόης, Λιχοόδης, Αρζόνας (75' Μαυρίδης), Πετρίδoυλος.

"Η Β' όμωδα νίκησε μέ 3-2.

ΕΚΑΣΕ ΒΑΘΜΟ ΤΟ ΟΚΕΑΝ

Παρά τñν όπεροχή τού τó "Οκλή άφησε μέσος τó Κόμο Πέρκ ένα βαθμό καί βρέθηκε 3 βα- θμούς πίσω από τό Κάλφηνλντ.

"Η όμωδα τού Πέρκ άνοιξε τό σκόρ άλλα τó "Οκλή ίσοφάρισε στό 46' μέ τόν Κοντο- κώστας.

Καλύτεροι oί Κιάκος, Τζιοσέκι καί Μκατικι ότο. "Επαιξαν oί Κένεντυ, Λουκάς, Κριβέρης, Τ. Καβαρoντινας, Μκατικιότο, Τζιοσέκι, Κοντο- κώστας, (Καμυλάκης), Κιάκος, Νταντάλιας, (Στογιάννoυ), Πιζιτς καί Μ. Καβαρoντινας. "Η Β' όμωδα νίκησε 3-1 (Αακιάτης, Χριτογί- δης, Τσιαντοθλας).

ΑΥΛΑΕΤΟ ΤΟ ΚΟΛΟΦΑΝΤ

Μισή ντουζίνα γκολ έβαλε τό Κάλφηνλντ στή Ν.Ελλάς καί μέσος στό γηπέδo τñς.

Στό Α' μέρος η πρωτοπόρος τñς Γ' τού Μετ- ροπλίταν προηγήθηκε μέ 5-1 ένώ στήν έ- πακολή η Ν.Ελλάς κέρτισε μία σχετική όπεροχή.

Στό 10' o Γ. Θεοχαρίδης άνοιξε τό σκόρ καί στό 14' καί 20' o Σιδηρόπουλος καί Σταματέλος έκαναν τό 3-0 γιά νά μειώσε- ρ δίκειος στό 26' 3-1.

Στό 30' o Πατάσιος άνέβασε σέ 4-1 καί στό 41' καί 43' ο Β. Βασιλακόπουλος έκανε τό 5-1

γιά νά λήξει τό Α' ημιχροόνιο μέ πλήρη έπι- κράτηση τñς πρωτοπόρου.

Στήν επανάληψη o Σταυρίδης έχασε πέναλτυ γιά τñν γηπεδόχο καί στό 60' μείωσε 5-2.

"Ο Σταματέλος πέτυχε κι' άλλο γκολ στό 70' γιά νά κλείσει τό σκόρ o Τσολάκης μέ τό νάλτυ 6-3.

Καλύτεροι oί Πατάσιος, Σιδηρόπουλος καί Γ θεοχαρίδης.

"Από τñν Ν.Ελλάς φάνηκαν oί Τσολάκης, Γκέ- σιος καί Σταυρίδης.

Κάλφηνλντ: Τολίδης, Τριανταφυλλίδης, Τυρί- νος, Μελέτης, Τσιτιρίδης, Ααμπρoυλος (35' Θεοχαρίδης), Σιδηρόπουλος, Γ. Θεοχαρίδης, Πατάσιος, Σταματέλος, Κουλοθλας (Αντερσον).

ΠΟΛΥΤΙΜΗ ΣΕΡΑΦΑΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΠΡΩΤΟΠΟΡΟΥ ΔΟΞΑΣ

Μέσος στό λαγκουόρνιν η άδξα Γιάραβιλ πή- ρε 1-1 ίσοπαλία από τñν δυνατή τοπική o- μέδα καί συνεχίζει νά είναι άήτητη καί πρωτοπόρος στό πρωτάθλημα τñς Α' τού Προ- βλίζιαλ.

"Η όμωδα τού Μάνου Μήλιου ήταν δυνατή καί έκανε μία από τñς καλύτερες εμφανί- σεις τñς. Πέτυχε πρώτη τέματα στό 27' μέ βαμμάσια κεφαλιά τού o. Δημητρίου άλλα o τερματοφύλακας τού λαγκουόρνιν στήθηκε έμπόδιο στίς προσπάθειες τών κακιντών τñς έλληνικής ομάδας.

Οι γηπεδόχοι ίσοφάρισαν στό 38' ένώ 2 λεπτά ύπoτέρτα τραυματίστηκε o Πίμης Δημητρίου καί άπέχωρησε.

Χανένας κακτική τñς άδξας δέν βυτέρησε καί έπαιξαν oί Ν. Αποστολίδης, Τσολάκης, (75' Βανδούπουλος), Ντ. Αποστολίδης, o. Δημη- τρίου, Αμμαντίδης, Τερζάκης, Βοδύγαρης, Π.

Δημητρίου (36' Μαυρίδης), Αιακόπουλος, Ν.

Μελέτης καί Πετρίδης.

"Η Β' όμωδα νίκησε 2-0 μέ τέματα τών Βαν

ΤΟ ΜΙΚΡΟ ΝΤΕΡΒΙΟΥ ΤΟ ΠΗΡΕ Η ΚΑΡΠΙΝΤΑ

"Η Κάρπιντα μέσος στό γηπέδo τñς νίκησε τñν Κυριακή Σέντραλ Σίτυ μέ 5-1.

Τó σκόρ άνοιξε o Βασίλης Κιαζόνης μέ πέναλτυ καί στό 75' η έρυθρόλευκη όμω- δα ήταν μπροστά στό σκόρ μέ 5-0.

Στό 76' η Σέντραλ μείωσε μέ τόν Ε. Χρυσό- θου σέ 5-1 πού ήταν καί τό τελικό άποτέ- λσμα.

Επείρωσαν oί Χ. Θεοχάρους καί Χρυσόθου. Σέντραλ Σίτυ: Βορονόσκις, Φιλίππου, Κώστας, Μίλλερ, Χ. Θεοχάρους, Δημητρίου, Ζερβίδης, Α. Θεοχάρους, Α. Νικολάου, Χ. Χρυσόθου, Ιακώβου (Χ. Θεοχάρους).

Οι Ιζορήτες η Σέντραλ προπονήτοιν κάθε άευτέρα στό Κόμο Πάρκ 6.00 μ.μ. μέ τόν Σέτο Ζερβίδη.

ΕΝΔΕΗ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ — ΣΚΟΠΕΖΙΜΥ 4-4

"Η Ένωση Ποντίων άν καί έχασε στό πρώτο 12 λεπτά μέσος στό γηπέδo τñς μέ 2-0 στήν συνέχεια μείωσε μέ τό Κουλοόνα 2-1 άλλα oί φιλοξενούμενοι έκαναν τό 3-1 γιά νά πετύχει κι' άλλο τέματα η Ένωση μέ τόν Τ. Κατάλιμο.

ΜΕ 3-2 εις βάρος τñς η γηπεδόχος συνέχι- σε νά υπερέχει καί o Μ. Μκαδόπουλος μέ κλάγιο σούτ ίσοφάρισε 3-3.

Τó Διόροστυ πέτυχε καί τέταρτο τέματα άλ- λά o Ιρ. Κουβρινουκίης έκλεισε τό σκόρ μέ 4-4.

"Ας σημειωθεί ότι δέν άγνοίστηκε τέματα τούτολακος σέως καί τñν έβση τού πύρε o φιλότιμος Πρωάλης Χατζιτόλης.

"Επαιξαν oί Χατζιτόλης, Καζόνης (70' Βυστρα- τίου), Μ. Μκαδόπουλος, Μήλιος, "Ισομήδης, Κω- σταντάρας, Π. Β. Κατάλιμος, Μ. Μκαδόπουλος, Κου- λοόνης, Σ. Κουβρινουκίης, Π. Β. Κατάλιμος, (Ιρ. Κουβρινουκίης 65').



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ROUND ELEVEN

THIS SUNDAY MAY 22

PRESTON

V

SYDNEY CITY

CONNER RESERVE —

K.O. 3 pm

Previous results

'77	1-0
'78	3-0
'79	1-0
'80	0-0
'81	1-2
'82	2-1



PETER OLLERTON
(Preston)



JOHN KOSHINA
(Sydney City)



JEFF OLVER
(Heidelberg)

HEIDELBERG

V

ADELAIDE CITY

OLYMPIC VILLAGE —

K.O. 3 pm

'81	0-2
'82	0-5



NEIL BANFIELD
(Adelaide City)